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TITLE OF CASE MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS J. O'HARA, JR.	TYPED BY jky
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCE

Report of SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, JR., dated 11/29/65, at Cleveland.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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SA JOHN J. SULLIVAN observed members of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club participating in the demonstration protesting U.S. intervention in Vietnam at Cleveland Public Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, on 2/7/66.

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Report classified Confidential to protect persons who wish their identity withheld and to protect sources of a continuing value to the Cleveland Office.

The investigative period exceeds 90 days as SA O'HARA was assigned to more expedite racial matters.

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Report of: SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, JR.
Date: 9/26/66

Office: CLEVELAND

Field Office File #: 157-229

Bureau File #: 157-1624

Title: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis:

Sources advise that the Medgar Evers Rifle Club has never re-activated itself although occasionally there has been rumors or talk to that effect. Some members of the rifle club, who also belong to the JFK House, Cleveland, Ohio, were observed during the 6/66 Superior Avenue disturbance and the 7/66 Hough area disturbance, both at Cleveland, Ohio; however, they did not utilize firearms. LAWRENCE DOZIER, Windsor, Ohio, admitted on 7/28/66, to The Plain Dealer, a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, that a rifle club had practiced on his farm during 1964.

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DETAILS:

Source: CV T-1

On December 3, 1965, source advised that the Medgar Evers Rifle Club has not been re-activated at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The source stated that he would be in a position to know if the Rifle Club becomes again active.

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Source: CV T-2

OHIO LEWIS ~~GR~~ ROBINSON

On December 10, 1965, source advised that LEWIS ROBINSON, head of the JFK House, had recently commented that his rifle club was a bust because there wasn't too much to demonstrate or complain about in Cleveland.

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On January 14, 1966, source advised that LEWIS ROBINSON recently mentioned he was closing the JFK House, which is a privately operated neighborhood recreation community center, because of a lack of funds. ROBINSON also mentioned that Negroes recently have been beaten in the vicinity of East 79th Street and St. Clair Avenue, that he and some of the group who had been active in the rifle club were going to park in cars in that area in order to protect Negroes in that area.

On May 11, 1966, source advised that the JFK House, which had been closed, was due to re-open on or about May 14-15, 1966. Source advised that some of the leaders of the JFK House had discussed forming a drill team for the young people in the area but no mention was made of any rifle club.

OHIO On June 9, 1966, source advised that there has been no discussion at the JFK House regarding a rifle club and that there was still talk about starting a drill team. Source advised that during a recent conversation among ALBERT WARE, HARLLEL JONES, PHILIP MORRIS and NORMAN MC JUNKIN, former members of the rifle club and leaders of the JFK House, they mentioned they were not going to again start up the rifle club because the FBI had cracked down on them and had interviewed everyone in the rifle club and discovered the location of their rifle range.

FORMER MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The source, who was contacted daily during the Superior Avenue disturbance in Cleveland, Ohio, commencing June 23, 1966, and the Hough area riot commencing July 18, 1966, advised that at no time during either riot or disturbance did the Medgar Evers Rifle Club re-activate itself or function as a unit. Source advised that he did not see any of the former members of the rifle club bearing firearms during either disturbance.

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The source advised that members of the JFK House, some of whom were former members of the rifle club, were, to a great extent, responsible for the incidents which occurred during the Superior Avenue disturbance but they were not active during the Hough area riot except that they were observed on the scene. Source stated that during the Superior Avenue disturbance the individuals referred to above had engaged in breaking windows, looting merchandise from stores and throwing fire bombs at places of business and passing automobiles.

The source stated that during the Hough riot HARLLEL JONES and other leaders of the JFK House had discussed the possibility of becoming involved in the Hough riot by means of sniper fire, arson and other violent tactics but nothing ever came of this talk.

On July 11, 1966, source advised that the rifle club is not meeting at the farm of J. W. WILLS, JR. or at the JFK House.

Information had been received from another source, as subsequently set forth in this report, that the rifle club was meeting at the WILLS farm.

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Source: CV T-3

On December 21, 1965, the source advised that ALBERT WARE of the JFK House mentioned that the rifle club had some new .38 caliber revolvers if they were interested in getting recoilless rifles. WARE indicated to the source that the rifle club has been holding meetings at the JFK House. Source stated that he did not believe WARE.

Source advised that on December 19, 1965, CHARLES SIMS, a leader of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Bogalusa, Louisiana, made a public appearance at the Masonic Temple, East 105th Street and St. Clair Avenue. Source advised that the following members of the rifle club were in attendance at the meeting and wore their rifle club badges and tams:

PHILLIP MORRIS

RICHARD SHACKLE

HARLLEL JONES

MELVIN SHACKLE

HATTIE BRENT

LEWIS ROBINSON

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Source advised that he did not see any weapons and that these individuals were stationed about the room in the same manner as in the past when they served as a security detail.

The source advised that LEWIS ROBERSON and HARLLEL JONES spoke at the end of this meeting and indicated that the rifle club was considering going into neighborhood police action. JONES stated that the hoodlums are going to fear his rifle badge and he was going to make it safe for people to walk the streets in the Negro ghetto area.

The source advised he has stopped by the JFK House frequently within the past few weeks and saw no evidence of any rifle club meetings.

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On February 25, 1966, source advised that he had been unable to develop any information that the rifle club was again active.

Source: CV T-4

On July 2, 1966, source advised that he was on the scene during the disturbances in the Superior Avenue section of Cleveland during the latter part of June, 1966, and that most of the trouble was caused by youths who frequented the JFK House. Source stated that LEWIS ROBINSON and HARLLEL JONES were responsible for keeping the youths stirred up.

Source was contacted frequently during the Hough area riot which started on July 18, 1966, and source advised that he was on the scene and that although he saw some of the JFK House members and leaders in the area, he did not see them take an actual part in the disturbance or play a leading role in the riots.

There is no information furnished by the source indicating that the rifle club as such was active during either the Hough or Superior disturbances.

Source: CV T-5

On August 12, 1966, source advised that LEWIS ROBINSON had made the statement on August 1, 1966 that the JFK House had been closed by the City of Cleveland for various building violations.

Source stated that ROBINSON was interested in putting silencers on rifles and ROBINSON had obtained literature from True Magazines regarding silencers on rifles. ROBINSON made the statement that if the "boys" had silencers during the recent riots they could have shot some policemen and escaped undetected.

According to the source, ROBINSON indicated he was thinking of reactivating the rifle club and that this time it would be a secret organization because the last time it was broken up by authorities who interviewed members and intimidated them. ROBINSON indicated that he had been unable to locate a training site for the rifle club.

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Source stated that he is in a position to know if and when the rifle club becomes active.

Source: The Call and Post
1/15/66 edition

The Call and Post is a weekly newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio.

Page 11~~E~~ of this source contained a letter to the editor from BETH ROBINSON, 1242 East 89th Street, advising that the JFK House is closing down due to a lack of funds. In her letter she commended her husband, LEWIS G. ROBINSON, Director of the JFK House, and ALBERT WARE, HARLLEL JONES and PHILLIP MORRIS for their efforts in operating the JFK House. *CLEVELAND, OHIO*

Source: A Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation *HRS*

On February 7, 1966, source observed HARLLEL JONES, ALBERT WARE, MELVIN SHANKLIN and LEWIS ROBINSON, former members of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club, participating in a demonstration on that date at the Cleveland Public Hall protesting U.S. intervention in Vietnam.

Source: PHILLIP H. MASON
Field Representative
Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association
7612 Hough Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

On May 4, 1966, source advised that he was acquainted with the JFK House and its leaders and that he doubted there was a rifle club at the JFK House but that there is a drill team who have semi-military uniform insignias. He indicated that the recently reopened JFK House is being supported by the Council of Churches and that they will be in a position to control this drill team through their financial support in the JFK House.

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Source: Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY
Bureau of Special Investigation
Cleveland Police Department
Cleveland, Ohio

On April 28, 1966, source advised that HARLLEL JONES had been interviewed by MARTY ROSS, Cleveland Television Station WJW on or about March 1, 1966, at the JONES apartment, 1556 Ansel Road. The interview was recorded on video tape.

During this interview, JONES stated that the JFK House takes kids off the streets in the Hough area and teaches them Negro history, judo, and karate. JONES also identified himself as the Vice President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice. JONES indicated that his group has access to high-powered weapons such as rifles, which came from downtown department stores and Army-Navy stores. He stated that they were preparing to defend themselves against extremist groups such as the John Birch Society, The American Minutemen, and the Ku Klux Klan. JONES mentioned that he and his associates are being checked on by Sergeant UNGVARY of the Cleveland Police Department and the FBI. JONES indicated that if a Watts situation ever occurred in Cleveland, a lot of policemen are going to be hurt and that there were not going to be a lot of Negroes shot but police being shot because they are the white man's bodyguard. JONES indicated that he has not been able to gain members in his group because of investigation of his activities and those of his associates by the Cleveland Police Department and the FBI.

On July 6, 1966, source advised that he had heard a rumor that the rifle club has been practicing at the J. W. ~~WILLS~~, Jr. farm known as Wills Retreat located on Clay Road in Jefferson, Ohio.

Source: Sheriff THOMAS FASULA
Ashtabula County
Jefferson, Ohio

On August 23, 1966, source advised that he had completely toured the WILLS farm located on Clay Road, Jefferson, Ohio, and that the place is entirely deserted of any occupants or visitors. This source stated that he has an informant who is in a position

to advise him if any firearms practice or any other type of unusual activity takes place on the farm. This informant stated no such activity has occurred.

Source: The Plain Dealer
(Daily Newspaper Published at Cleveland, Ohio)
7/29/66 edition

The source reported that LAWRENCE DOZIER, who lives on a farm off a dirt road between Hartsgrove and Windsor Township, Ashtabula County, informed the source July 28, 1966 that a shooting range had been set up on his farm two years ago.

DOZIER stated that he was contacted by LEWIS G. ROBINSON shortly after ROBINSON had announced plans to set up a rifle club to protect civil rights demonstrators.

DOZIER advised that 15 or 20 members who told him they were member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the United Freedom Movement (UFM), came to his farm to practice firing weapons and they had rifles, shotguns and pistols.

DOZIER stated ROBINSON paid him \$75.00 to haul logs which the others piled up into a makeshift rifle range backstop in a field about a quarter mile from the road.

DOZIER said his idea was to turn his farm into a recreation center with ROBINSON and himself as partners, but ROBINSON failed to come up with any money and did not want to go through Washington in setting up a rifle range by registering it.

DOZIER stated he was approached by Clevelanders interested in his farm as a rifle range again in 1965, but ROBINSON was not with this group. DOZIER stated he refused this group and has not been approached since.

Source also reported that HARLLEL JONES, who was questioned by reporters before appearing in front of the Grand Jury investigating the Hough riot, stated that a year ago he tried to start a rifle range on a friend's farm near Orwell. DOZIER's farm is a few miles west of Orwell.

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Source: The Plain Dealer
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7/28/66 edition

Source reported that HARLIEL JONES, a Cleveland Sewer Department employee, described himself as a "self-proclaimed Black Nationalist" with the intent of helping "my people."

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This source also reported that JONES, one of the JFK House leaders, had been interviewed shortly after the JFK House was reopened and JONES stated that a specific goal of the JFK House was "teaching Negro cultural." At the time of that interview, JONES said "Dialogues with white people have given me a new perspective on the white community, but I still hate the white man."

Source: Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY
Bureau of Special Investigation
Cleveland Police Department
Cleveland, Ohio

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On August 13, 1966, source advised that [redacted] age 17, furnished a statement to the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department on July 24, 1966 in which he admitted frequenting the JFK House and stated that he was not a full member of the JFK House or associated with the rifle group. He said youths were taught to make fire bombs at the JFK House and he learned to make them from a youth who had been taught by ALBERT WARE. He also furnished information that JFK youths engaged in stealing, street assaults, sex, drinking and smoking marijuana. FOIA(b) (6)
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On June 25, 1966, source advised that most of the trouble during the Superior Avenue demonstration, which began on June 22, 1966, was caused by JFK House youths. Source stated that police officers heard HARLIEL JONES make inflammatory remarks to youths in front of the JFK House. [redacted] FOIA(b) (6)
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On August 2, 1966, source advised that there was no evidence that members of the JFK House or their leaders planned,

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instigated and executed any disturbances in the Hough riot which began on July 18, 1966. He did state they were observed in the Hough area during the riots and four youths who were arrested during the Hough riots advised the police they had frequented the JFK House.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-229

Cleveland, Ohio
September 26, 1966

Title MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, Jr.,
dated and captioned as above, at
Cleveland, Ohio.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Contact with CV T-4 and CV T-5 has not been sufficient to determine their reliability.

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Grand Jury Is Told 'Panthers' Planned Riots in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, July 27 (UPI) — A 17-year-old youth told a grand jury that a 200-member gang known as the "Black Panthers" planned much of the systematic firebombing, sniping and looting in Cleveland's slum riots, it was reported yesterday.

The Cleveland Press said the secret witness was a Negro boy who admitted being a member of the gang.

Testifying for an hour before the grand jury late yesterday, the youth gave jurors names of leaders and plotters and supplied dates and meeting places where acts of violence were planned, the Press said.

The boy said he saw Molotov cocktails made and he named those he saw make them. He admitted throwing several himself.

Cleveland Mayor Ralph Locher announced he had appointed Bertram Gardner, the city's Community Relations Director, to conduct a study into the cause of the rioting and possible solutions of problems of Hough residents. Gardner, a Negro, said he would begin the study after

the grand jury completes its hearings.

Negro Youth Held In Sniper Slaying

NEW YORK, July 27 (UPI) — A 17-year-old Negro anti-poverty project worker was arrested today and charged with the sniper slaying of an 11-year-old Negro during last week's race riots in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

Ernest Gallashaw of Brooklyn, a housepainter with the New York State Program for Youth, was booked on homicide charges in connection with the shooting of Eric Dean.

Dean crumpled to an East New York sidewalk a block from his home last Thursday as he was returning from catching a glimpse of Mayor John V. Lindsay, who was touring the restive area. The boy was killed instantly by a .25-caliber bullet but police pretended he had only fainted and removed his body in a squad car.

Negroes Insulted In Swank Suburb

GROSSE POINTE, Mich., July 27 (UPI) — Gordon Wright, government official and son of

a Cleveland millionaire, said today people have shouted insults at him and his wife since they became the first Negroes to move into this posh Detroit suburban area.

But Wright said the insults have been "diminishing every day since" he and his wife bought a house valued at about \$40,000 in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Wright was transferred here as director of the midwestern office of the Federal Government's Economic Development Administration.

100 Negroes Complete W. Tennessee March

SOMERVILLE, Tenn., July 27 (UPI) — One hundred chanting Negroes ended their 62-

mile, five-day "West Tennessee Freedom March" tonight under escort of city, county and state police.

Singing freedom songs and chanting for "Black Power" the Negroes filed around the city square and grouped for the last of the rallies held in each of four counties crossed during the walk to protest discrimination and to encourage Negro voter registration.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1624)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229) (P)

SUBJECT: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 7/27/66

OO: CV

Re Bureau letter to Cleveland dated 12/9/65.

The Cleveland Office has determined through informants and contact with the Cleveland Police Department that the rifle club is still in an inactive status although leaders of this club are still active at the JFK House. There is some indication that efforts will be made to start a drill team at the JFK House under the leadership of the former leaders of the rifle club.

The Cleveland Office is following closely the current disturbances in the Hough Section of Cleveland to determine whether the rifle club will appear in the area armed with any type of firearms.

Informants of this office have observed former members of the rifle club on the scene during the disturbances, however, they have not been armed.

A letter or report will be submitted to the Bureau in approximately 45 days setting forth all information available to this office regarding the rifle club.

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URGENT 4-21-66 6:26 PM

TO DIRECTOR (157-9-11)

FROM CLEVELAND (157-513) 212121

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (DEACONS FOR DEFENSE; MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB).

CLEVELAND DIVISION IS IN POSSESSION OF COPY OF LETTER
BEING CIRCULATED UNDER LETTERHEAD OF THE LEGITIMATE
ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE CLEVELAND AREA,
"THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF GREATER CLEVELAND",
SIGNED BY CHARLES A. RAWLINGS, ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A
GROUP CALLED "SUPPORT OUR YOUTH," AS THE RESULT OF DIALOGUES
CONDUCTED BY REV. PAUL YOUNGER WITH PEOPLE FROM THE JFK HOUSE,
CLEVELAND. THIS LETTER STATES JFK HOUSE WAS OPENED SEPTEMBER 19,
1964, BY LOUIS ROBINSON AND OTHERS AND WAS CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 19,
1965 DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS AND "POLICE HARASSMENT." LETTER
FURTHER STATES THE GROUP HAS DECIDED TO RAISE OVER \$1,000 PER
MONTH TO BE GIVEN TO JFK HOUSE WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. LETTER
CONCLUDES WITH AN APPEAL FOR PLEDGES OF AT LEAST \$10 MONTH AND

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IS BEING SENT TO PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS TO CIVIC GROUPS IN CLEVELAND AND SUBURBS.

REV. YOUNGER AND REV. RAWLINGS ARE BOTH REGARDED AS DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCES BY THE LEGITIMATE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND HAVE BEEN MILITANTLY ACTIVE IN RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND CIVIL DISORDERS IN THE CLEVELAND AREA.

LOUIS ROBINSON, AN SI SUBJECT, WAS FIRED FROM JOB WITH CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR FORMING THE MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB IN 1964, STATED PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS, CLAIMING POLICE WERE NOT PROTECTING THEM.

HARLEL ROBERT JONES, OTHER LEADER OF JFK ALSO ON SI, WHO IS SOLICITING ORGANIZATIONS PERSONALLY, HAS RECENTLY DECLARED IN WYW TV TAPED INTERVIEW, NOT YET RELEASED, THAT HE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE, CLEVELAND, WHICH ORGANIZATION HE STATED IS ARMED TO PROTECT NEGROES AGAINST KKK AND POLICE, WHOM HE STATED ARE AGENTS OF KKK. JONES HAS PREDICTED RIOTS IN CLEVELAND IN 1966 AND STATED FIRST ONES TO SUFFER WILL BE THE "UNCLE TOM" NEGROES. YOUNGER HAS BEEN LIVING IN COMMON LAW

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RE POLICE HARASSMENT OF JFK HOUSE, IN 1964, MORE THAN FIFTY BURGLARIES WERE SOLVED WITH ARREST OF YOUNG NEGROES FROM JFK HOUSE WHO CONFESSED. IN 1965, TWO YOUNG WHITE BOYS AND THEIR FATHER WERE BEATEN UP BY YOUNG NEGROES. ONE ADULT AND ABOUT FOURTEEN YOUNG NEGROES FROM JFK HOUSE WERE ARRESTED, AND ADMITTED GUILT IN SIGNED STATEMENTS. JUST RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH JFK HOUSE CLOSED, POLICE FOUND YOUNG MALE AND FEMALE MEMBERS HAD BROKEN IN AND WERE DRINKING AND ENGAGING IN IMMORAL ACTIVITIES. ALL ABOVE MATTERS HANDLED BY NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURNISH LEAD INFORMATION RE FOREGOING TO DORIS O'DONNELL, FEATURE WRITER, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, DAILY AND SUNDAY MORNING NEWSPAPER, WHO HAS BEEN USED IN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM IN PAST AND WHOSE RELIABILITY AND DISCRETION ASSURED. AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TO ALERT SOURCES LETA WOOD AND HAROLD CENTINI, WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN USED IN THE PAST AND WHOSE RELIABILITY AND DISCRETION IS ASSURED SO THEY MAY ALERT PROTESTANT CLERGY VIA "GRAPEVINE". CLEVELAND DIVISION BELIEVES SWIFT ACTION NECESSARY IN THIS MATTER TO

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PRECLUDE PLEDGES BEING MADE FOR SUPPORT OF JFK HOUSE BY
UNSUSPECTING CHURCH GROUPS, IT BEING NOTED THAT LETTER
BEING CIRCULARIZED DOES NOT GIVE TRUE PICTURE OF JFK HOUSE.

RECEIVED: 6:48 PM LJT

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SAC, Cleveland (157-229)

12/9/65

Director, FBI (157-1624)

1 - Mr. Shackelford

**MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS**

ReCVrep of SA Thomas J. O'Hara, Jr., dated 11/29/65.

Bureau interposes no objection to Cleveland closing captioned investigation as captioned organization appears to have ceased to function.

Cleveland should remain alert for any indication of renewed activity which may come to your attention through established sources and informants. You should set a six-month administrative tickler and advise the Bureau at that time as to your recommendations for additional investigation in captioned matter. Bureau should be immediately advised of the receipt of any pertinent information prior to that time, of course.

NOTE:

Captioned club was allegedly formed to protect Negro civil rights demonstrators if local police protection was inadequate. Investigation discloses the club at this time has ceased to exist, probably due to our investigation, and Cleveland submitted closing report. Cleveland instructed to remain alert through available sources and submit recommendations as to need for additional investigation in six months.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES A. HARVEY, 4/23/65, at Cleveland.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced report on Cover Page D, Paragraph 1, contains information that the farm of J. W. WILLS, Ashtabula County, Ohio, was a possible site used by the rifle club for target practice. Investigation by Cleveland Agents determined this information was false. Results of that investigation are contained in this file and are not being set out in this report.

It is noted that the investigative period extends back into the period covered by the referenced report due to the reporting of information not contained in the referenced report.

Investigation has determined that the rifle club membership fluctuates between 15 to 20 members and a representative number of these individuals have been interviewed and the results set forth in instant report. It is noted that the membership of the JFK House has been estimated at several hundred members; however, these members are all teenagers from the neighborhoods surrounding the JFK House who come here to participate in social activities.

This report is being classified confidential in order to protect persons who wish their identity withheld and to protect sources that are of a continuing value to the Cleveland Office.

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Pertinent information regarding the activities of the rifle club members as well as their identities has been furnished on a continuing basis by SAs THOMAS J. O'HARA, Jr. and JOHN J. SULLIVAN to Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY and Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department.

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Report of: SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, Jr.
Date: November 29, 1965

Office: CLEVELAND

Field Office File #: 157-229

Bureau File #: 157-1624

Title: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Medgar Evers Rifle Club rifle range located on farm of LAWRENCE DOZIER, Hartsgrove, Ohio. Sources interviewed state target practice at this location and meetings of the rifle club ceased during 6/65 as a result of investigation by FBI. Identities of members and results of interviews of members set forth.

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DETAILS:I. ACTIVITIES

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On June 16, 1965, Patrolman JOHN PATTON, Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department, advised SAs JOHN J. SULLIVAN and THOMAS J. O'HARA, JR. that as of February, 1965, the following individuals were believed by the Cleveland Police Department to be members of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club which meets at the Jomo Freedom Kenyatta (JFK) House, 8801 Superior Avenue:

~~ALBERT WARE~~ *Albert A. Ware*
Cleveland Police Department No. 79287 *1121 Primrose, Cleveland Ohio*

~~HARLEL JONES~~
Cleveland Police Department No. 105677

~~MELVIN ALLEN~~
Cleveland Police Department No. 109630

~~JAMES RUSSELL~~
President of the Freedom Fighters

~~LEWIS ROBINSON~~ *Lewis G. Robinson*
1402 East 120th St., Cleveland, Ohio

~~MELVIN SHANKLAND~~

(FNU) FIELD

COVES

He stated that FIELD was subsequently identified as PHIL MORRIS, Cleveland Police Department No. 118624 and COVES has been identified as COLLINS THOMPSON, Cleveland Police Department No. 113873.

Cove *Collins Thompson*
He advised that ALBERT WARE is believed to own the following described rifle:

M.A. Lithgrow, S.M.L.E. 111, 1926 date, Serial No. B 15388.

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The following characterization is set forth
for LEWIS ROBINSON:

On July 1, 1957, LEWIS G. ROBINSON submitted an application for employment with the United States Government. In answer to the question, "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party of the United States or any Communist or fascist organization?" He stated "I have attended several meetings of the Labor Youth League in Boston in 1950." The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PERRY HARRIS was interviewed at the county jail on June 17, 1965. He is presently incarcerated at the jail on a charge of receiving stolen property; namely one hair dryer taken from the vicinity of East 88th Street and Superior Avenue. He was arrested on June 12, 1965, and is being held in lieu of \$500.00 bond.

~~Perry Harris~~
PERRY HARRIS advised that he resides 1429 Hayden Avenue, with his mother, WILLIE MAE HARRIS, telephone number 681-9392. HARRIS furnished the following information:

Cleveland, Ohio
Affiliations with Jono Freedom Kenyatta (JFK) House
8801 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

HARRIS formerly lived at 8615 Superior Avenue, and he heard of the JFK House through young people in the neighborhood who told him it was a place to go to socialize, dance and play ping pong. He advised that the JFK House was opened about one year ago by LEWIS ROBINSON. When he first started going to the JFK House, he observed that the JFK House was being run by LEWIS ROBINSON, ALBERT WARE, HARLIEL JONES and a fellow known to him only as RECO. HARRIS advised that after a few weeks at the JFK House, LEWIS ROBINSON appointed him floor supervisor and his duties were to keep the boys and girls under control.

WARE and JONES told him that when the JFK House first opened, the parents in the neighborhood were suspicious of it, but now that it had been operated a while, the people had accepted it and permitted their children to attend.

They told him that they had plans to open similar operations in other neighborhoods. HARRIS estimated that the rent for the JFK House was \$85.00 a month and he believes that ROBINSON pays most of this, probably getting the money from his wife, BETH ROBINSON, who HARRIS stated came from wealthy parents. HARRIS advised that he had met BETH ROBINSON and in his opinion, she was a very pleasant person. He stated that BETH ROBINSON does not participate in JFK House activities.

~~Mrs. Lewis G. Robinson~~

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Rifle Club

HARRIS stated that a few weeks after he began going to the JFK House, HARLELL JONES asked him to join a rifle club. JONES did not refer to the rifle club by any specific name. JONES said that the purpose of the rifle club was to provide fun for the members. He told HARRIS it gave the members an opportunity to go out in the country and shoot on a rifle range. JONES gave no specific details as to whether the rifle club had access to a range or where such a range was located.

JONES also said that the rifle club was formed to enable Negroes to defend themselves in the event of other occurrences like the incident that happened in the Sowinski Playground. HARRIS stated that he never joined the rifle club or attended rifle club meetings. HARRIS advised that in October, 1964, he did go for a ride in LEWIS ROBINSON's car to a farm. In the car with LEWIS and himself were DALE HARRIS, RECO, and *Obid* SKEET (true name unknown). He stated that he does not know where the farm is as he slept practically all the way in the car. He advised that he remembers they went out Kinsman Road, but he did not remember the rest of the route. He did recall that there was a fruit stand and a Lawson's Store on the road just before they turned into the farm. He stated that he could recall little about the farm itself except that it was a white frame house and quite old. He advised that he remembered seeing a Negro female named ANNIE (LNU) who apparently lived at the farm and he heard that she had a husband and a daughter. He did not see any evidence of a rifle range nor did anybody indicate that rifle practice was taking place at the farm. He stated that the boys and LEWIS ROBINSON picked baskets of apples at the farm and then returned to the JFK House where they gave the apples to the young people. He does not recall any details of the return trip.

The only other incident that HARRIS recalls involving possible rifle practice and a rifle range occurred last fall, possibly October, 1964. One Sunday he was at the JFK House when a group of individuals, most of whom he had seen at the JFK House, began assembling. He estimated that there were approximately

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18 individuals in this group. He stated that three cars showed up, one was a 1957 or a 1958 red Thunderbird, driven by a short heavy set Negro; no further description, whom he had never seen before. The second car belonged to HARLLEL JONES and the third belonged to RECO's brother and was a white 1959 Pontiac. Each of these individuals had a rifle and from their conversation, he learned that they were going to a farm to fire the rifles. There was no mention made as to where the range was located. All of the individuals wore Army fatigue clothing. HARRIS stated to his recollection, the following are the individuals who went on the above trip:

A. HARLLEL JONES' car

HARLLEL JONES

An individual known as RED, his first name is believed to be WOODROW, who formerly worked at Turney Road Hospital, lives in a project on East 55th Street and is married. He is described as 21 years old, Negro male, light skinned and does not have red hair.

SKEET

RECO

PHIL MORRIS

DALE HARRIS

B. 1957 or 1958 Red Thunderbird

HARRIS did not know any of the individuals in this car and could furnish no descriptions.

C. RECO's brother's car

RECO's brother

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LEWIS ROBINSON

HARRIS stated he did not know any of the others.

On June 25, 1965, CV T-4, formerly associated with members of the rifle club, made the following comments:

He advised that the rifle club was founded by LEWIS ROBINSON during March, 1964. ROBINSON told the source the purpose of the club was to protect civil rights workers during civil rights demonstrations and to give young boys an opportunity to become familiar with firearms.

The source stated that at the invitation of ROBINSON, he had participated in rifle practice four times during April, June and July, 1964, and again during February, 1965. Source stated that the rifle range is located on a farm located on Noble Road near Windsor, Ohio in Ashtabula County and that a mailbox on the road has the name L. DOZIER.

The source stated that the farmhouse is occupied by a Negro male, age approximately 65, 5'8", 150 pounds, dark complexion, grey and black hair - balding, and a Negro female, age approximately 60, heavy build, grey hair, 5', 150 pounds, dark complexion. Source stated that the rifle range is approximately one-half mile west from the back of the farmhouse and consisted of a wall of logs packed with dirt, which served as a background. The targets used were beer cans, whiskey bottles and soda bottles. The shooters range is approximately 100 yards from the target and one person shoots at a time. Each shooter shoots approximately 20 rounds.

The source stated that the only person who spoke with the occupants of the farm was LEWIS ROBINSON. Source stated that on occasions he observed women at the farm who accompanied the shooters, but they did not participate in rifle practice.

Source stated that the rifle club on the outside is called the Medgar Evers Rifle Club and it usually meets at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday nights. Source stated that he attended approximately five or six of these meetings. He stated that he never saw a rifle at these meetings and never heard any discussion of the use of force or firearms and never heard any anti-Caucasian or anti-U.S. Government discussions. No judo or karate instructions were given. The discussion mostly pertained to civil rights problems and the Negro struggle for employment. He stated that

he did hear some of the speakers at the rifle club meetings, identities not divulged, advocate violence as the only means of the Negro getting what belongs to them.

He advised that at one rifle club meeting it was advocated that police officers would be shot at in the event of a riot in the Negro area; a decision would be up to each rifle club member when and whom to shoot. Source stated that when he went to the farm to practice the only rifle used belonged to ROBINSON and this was an English type rifle. He did state that one other group besides the group he went to the farm with were at the farm shooting. They had other rifles.

The source admitted that from general conversation at rifle club meetings he got the impression that some individuals own rifles, but the source never saw them.

~~GLADYS FOSTER~~, age 18, 1458 East 86th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information on September 3, 1965: B. APPROX. 1947

She advised that in March or April, 1965, she attended three or four meetings of a rifle club held at the JFK House. She stated that it was her understanding that the purpose of the rifle club was to provide recreation for the boys and girls who were members. She could not recall specifically who introduced her to the rifle club or how she first decided to go to a meeting. She stated that the meetings were held in the basement of the JFK House on Wednesday nights beginning at 8:30 p.m. and lasting until 10:00 p.m. She stated that she originally went to the JFK House to attend the dances and to meet friends.

She stated that after attending three or four meetings of the rifle club, she decided that it was not the type of organization for her. She explained that the people in charge talked of riots and indicated that the rifle club members would shoot people if a riot started. She stated that it was also made clear that if any of the rifle club members were arrested or hurt by the police, the other members would be expected to move in to help. She stated that she never heard of any organized plans to shoot people or cause riots.

GLADYS FOSTER stated that during the time of her attendance at rifle club meetings, she observed three rifles at the

JFK House. These guns belong to PHILIP MORRIS, COLLIN THOMPSON and HARLLEL JONES. She stated that the rifles were exhibited to the group and instructions on how to load and shoot the guns were given. She stated that she was told by various members of the rifle club that they went to a farm to practice shooting the rifles. She stated that she had never been to the farm, did not know who owned it or where it was located. She stated that she understood that some of the individuals she mentioned as having been at rifle club meetings went to the farm at one time or another. They usually went to the farm on Sunday. She stated that to her knowledge these individuals went to the farm during the Fall of 1964 and the Winter and Spring of 1965. She did not know whether they were still going to the farm. GLADYS FOSTER stated that she had never heard of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) or the United Black Youth. She stated that she remembered that HARLLEL JONES on occasion brought printed matter about JFK House activities to the center and she assumed he either had some sort of printing device at home or else had access to one. She advised that she had no knowledge of any individual connected with the rifle club or JFK House who owned a red Thunderbird.

She stated that ^{Ohio} (First Name Unknown) BELLOWS, SHIRLEY (Last Name Unknown), HATTIE BRENT and herself were in attendance at the JAMES SHABAZZ meeting held at the Masonic Temple at East 105th Street in about March, 1965. She stated that rifle club members were also there as guards. She stated that the other girls and herself had unloaded guns on their persons. These guns were to be given to rifle club members in the event that any trouble started. She stated that her instructions were to give her gun to ALBERT WARE, who was on the speaker's platform. She stated that she had been given the gun by ALBERT WARE and returned it to him after the meeting. She stated she was not certain but she believed that the gun belonged to WARE. She was shown a snub nose .38 caliber revolver and stated that the gun that she had was similar to it.

On September 14, 1965, TYRONE FULLER, age 18, 1290 East 89th Street, furnished the following information:

^{Cleveland, Ohio} FULLER stated that he knew absolutely nothing about the rifle club or its members and that he had never heard of the rifle club. He stated that in the past, he has gone to the JFK House strictly for social and recreational activities, but while

there he never heard anything about a rifle club. He advised that there were meetings of individuals in the basement of the JFK House and that he was never allowed to attend these meetings because he was not a member of that particular group. He stated that he heard the purpose of these meetings was to raise funds to keep the JFK House open.

FULLER advised that his mother is friendly with Mr. and Mrs. LEWIS ROBINSON.

On September 3, 1965.

[redacted] admitted that she knew that there was a rifle club and stated that this rifle club held between 10 to 15 meetings at the JFK House on Superior Avenue during the past year. She stated that she herself attended approximately three or four meetings and that the only thing discussed at these meetings were ways in which to raise money in order to keep the JFK House open. She advised that the last meeting was shortly before she was sent to the Juvenile Detention Home. She advised that to her knowledge, the rifle club's last practice was on or about Memorial Day at their rifle range, according to what she was told by NORMAN MC JUNKINS. She admitted she had gone to the rifle range two or three times during the Summer of 1964, and that it was located on a farm out in the country which is owned by SISTER DOZIER. She advised SISTER DOZIER comes to the JFK House to cook barbeques whenever they have any parties or dances at JFK House.

She stated that when she went out to the rifle range, she usually went in the old red pickup truck which is usually parked near the JFK House, owned by the JFK House. She advised that other people besides herself were in this truck and also, members of the rifle club went out in a blue and white car, which was jointly owned by several of the members.

She stated that the rifle club has not gone out to practice because both the truck and car are not presently in operating condition.

She admitted that while at the rifle range, she had fired a rifle on several occasions.

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At this point, [] began to get very hostile and uncooperative and made the statement that the interviewing Agents knew why the rifle club was not practicing any more. She indicated that after she was released from the Juvenile Detention Home, certain members of the rifle club had questioned her as to an investigation being conducted by the FBI into the activities of the rifle club but she refused to state why she was being interviewed in this manner. At this point in the interview, she walked out of the room to her bedroom and came back and forth several times into the room where she was being interviewed.

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She made the statement, "I don't like you," and refused to make any other comment. The interview was terminated at this point.

On September 13, 1965, MELVIN LEE SHANKLIN, age 26, furnished the following information at the Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, where he is employed as an orderly:

B. APPROX. 1939

Concerning the rifle club, SHANKLIN admitted he was a member of the rifle club that met at the JFK House. He stated he attended five or six meetings of this group at the JFK House, and also attended meetings in a park. He stated he could not remember which park it was but stated it was one of the public parks in Cleveland. He stated the last rifle club meeting he attended was about six months ago.

Concerning matters discussed at these meetings, he stated that the principal topic always was the raising of funds to support the JFK House. He advised he never was at a meeting where judo or karate were discussed. He stated he never heard instructions given as to the use of a rifle. He advised he does own a rifle. It was pointed out to him that he had purchased other rifles. He admitted that he had but stated he bought them for other people whose names he did not remember.

He stated to his knowledge the purposes of the rifle club were to afford an opportunity for recreation for the members and also to defend civil rights workers. SHANKLIN was asked if he was active in civil rights demonstrations. He advised he was not. He was asked how he and other rifle club

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members were going to defend civil rights workers, and whom the civil rights workers were to be defended against. SHANKLIN was unable to furnish answers to these questions. SHANKLIN advised that he never heard any discussions at rifle club meetings of promoting violence, riots, or the shooting of police officers.

He stated he did practice rifle shooting on a farm about 50 miles east of Cleveland. He stated he could not recall the location of the farm but he did know that it was owned by a Negro named DOZIER. He stated the farm was near the Midway Lakes area. He stated he has not been out to the farm to practice since the Spring of 1965. He offered no explanation as to why he had stopped rifle practice.

Concerning the rifle club, SHANKLIN advised that to his knowledge it was not presently active. He stated that because he works nights he does not have much opportunity to see other rifle club members.

SHANKLIN advised that he had read a little about RAM but did not know much about its program. He stated he was not a RAM member. He advised that he had read a copy of "Black America" but stated he did not understand the philosophy of RAM. He admitted he knew DON FREEMAN but stated he had only met him at public meetings. He stated he had attended the benefit party for FREEMAN held about one month or so ago.

Ohio

Donald Freeman

He stated he knew nothing about the Organization for Black Power. He stated he though he had heard of the United Black Youth organization but could not remember where. As an after thought, he stated he may have read about it in "Black America."

Concerning the rifle club, he stated it was his understanding it was founded by LEWIS ROBINSON. SHANKLIN advised that from his observations, he would say that the actual rifle club leaders were HARLLEL JONES and ALBERT WARE.

A characterization of RAM is set forth hereto in the appendix. DON FREEMAN is characterized therein.

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On September 13, 1965, JOSEPH THOMPCKINS, age 23, 12631 Edmundton Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He stated he became interested in the rifle club in approximately March, 1964. He advised he heard about the club at the JFK House. He stated that he has in the past gone to the JFK House to meet friends and to socialize, although he has not been there since about February, 1965. He advised that he joined the rifle club and went to rifle club meetings during 1964, until about the end of the year. He stated that he paid dues of \$1.00 per week to the rifle club during the time he was a member. He said these dues supposedly were used for transportation of rifle club members to and from their rifle range, as well as for the purchasing of supplies. He advised he believes that the rifle club stopped functioning sometime in the Spring or early Summer of 1965.

He stated that meetings of the rifle club were usually held on Wednesday nights in the basement of the JFK House. He stated that discussions at these meetings were concerned with marching, drilling, karate, judo, guerrilla warfare, and instructions on how to handle and shoot a rifle. He stated that he owns a high-powered rifle at this time. He stated it was not against the law to own a rifle but declined to further describe it.

Concerning the rifle range, THOMPCKINS advised it was located on a farm approximately 50 miles from Cleveland. He stated he could not locate the farm on a map, nor could he furnish directions as to how to get to it. He denied knowing the identity of the person who owned the farm. He stated that the owner was a Negro. He advised that the purpose of going to the farm was to practice drilling, marching, and target shooting. He advised that they also hunted small game on the farm. He advised that in the Spring and Summer of 1964, he and other rifle club members cut down trees, piled them up to make a barricade, and filled the barricade with dirt and stones to act as a backstop. He stated that he and the other rifle club members placed bottles and cans in front of this barricade to use as targets. THOMPCKINS stated he has not been going to this rifle range since last Winter, and he does not believe the range is being used any longer. He thought the reason was that the rifle club

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was not paying the owner of the farm for the use of the range. He stated he did not know the last time that rifle club members had been there to practice.

THOMPCKINS advised he went to the farm only on Sundays. He estimated that the number of others who were at the range when he was there varied between 10 to 30.

THOMPCKINS advised that his purpose in joining the rifle club was to learn how to defend himself. He stated he had heard instructions were to be given in judo, karate, and rifle shooting, and he was interested in learning these arts. He stated he had heard that the purpose of the rifle club was to instruct the members in self defense. He stated he had never heard any information to the effect the rifle club was in favor of force and violence or was interested in promoting racial riots.

He stated he desired to learn defensive arts and how to shoot a rifle strictly for his own protection. He stated he definitely was not looking for trouble but he wished to be able to defend himself if somebody attempted to harm him. He declined to enlarge upon whom he was going to defend himself against. He would only say that the world situation is very uneasy at this time, and he wanted to be able to survive and to protect his family.

He stated he does not practice rifle shooting at this time because he does not know of any available range. He also advised that the Army-Navy Store on Prospect Avenue near East 9th Street, Cleveland, has refused to sell him ammunition for his rifle. He stated he was given no reason for this refusal.

THOMPCKINS advised he is single and likes to travel. He stated he has recently taken a trip down South through Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. He advised that most people down South, both white and Negro, are aroused about civil rights and most people down there have guns. He declined to go into specific details about this statement but stated it was one reason why he owned this rifle. He stated he did not want to be unprepared to defend himself if trouble started.

THOMPCKINS advised he would not identify other individuals associated with the rifle club. He stated this refusal was not made out of fear but rather out of principle. He advised he did not wish to speak for anybody but himself. He declined to estimate the number of rifle club members but stated at some of the sessions on the range there were 25 to 30 people present. THOMPCKINS stated he did not know anything about RAM, the Organization for Black Power, or United Black Youth. 30 5
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On September 13, 1965, PHILIP MORRIS, age 22, 7806 Redell, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

~~Phil~~ MORRIS admitted that he was a member of the rifle club, which met at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. He advised he joined this club in the Summer of 1964, and attended five or six meetings of the club in the basement of the JFK House. He stated that he last attended a rifle club meeting in December, 1964. He stated he owns a rifle. He was asked if he owned more than one rifle, and he admitted that he was going to buy another one in the Summer of 1965, but decided against it. When he was asked why he did not purchase the second rifle, he only smiled.

MORRIS stated that the purpose of the rifle club was for recreation, just like any other rifle club. He stated they were supposed to practice and compete in tournaments with other rifle clubs. He admitted that the rifle club had never actually entered any such tournaments. He advised that at the meetings he attended he never heard any instructions about rifle shooting, karate, judo, riots or violence. He stated that the only things discussed were ways and means of keeping the JFK House opened. He advised that from his observations at rifle club meetings, he would guess there were about 20 or 30 people who attended the rifle club meetings. He stated he had never heard anything about the formation of a guerrilla army. He stated that dues in the rifle club were \$5.00 per month. He stated the rifle club is not presently having meetings or holding rifle practice. He stated the reason they are not practicing or meeting is a lack of funds. He stated he believed that the rifle practice stopped in the early Summer of 1965. He stated he has practiced with a shotgun at the Midway Gun Club in Ashtabula County, but he never practiced at the farm. He stated that he did not know the location of the farm where rifle practice was held, nor did he know who owned this farm.

Ohio

MORRIS was questioned about his attendance at a meeting at which JAMES SHABAZZ spoke, which was held at the Masonic Temple on East 105th Street, in March, 1965. MORRIS stated he did attend this meeting, and as a rifle club member he was asked to help to keep order at the meeting. He stated that he wore the rifle club uniform consisting of a black beret, a red sweater, and dark trousers. He denied that he had a pistol in his possession at the meeting, and he denied any knowledge that any of the girl at the meeting had guns. He stated that girls from the rifle club who were at the meeting were GLADYS FOSTER, SHIRLEY (Last Name Unknown), MARY ANN (Last Name Unknown), and RACHEL BELLOWS. He advised that BELLOWS resides at 11417 Orville Avenue, and is his cousin. MORRIS stated that to his knowledge MARY ANN is presently in New York City.

Cleveland, Ohio

MORRIS advised that he has never heard of RAM, the organization for Black Power, or United Black Youth.

On September 10, 1965, SHIRLEY POWELL, age 21, Apartment 310, 2066 East 76th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

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Concerning the rifle club, SHIRLEY POWELL advised that she had heard that a rifle club had been formed by LEWIS ROBINSON in the Spring of 1964 and that this club met at the JFK House at 88th Street and Superior. She stated that she herself had never been to a rifle club meeting and had never become a member. She stated that she does not believe the rifle club is active at this time because she has not heard anything about it in recent months. She stated that she had heard about a farm where rifle club members went to practice but that she had never been there, did not know where it was and who owned it. She stated that she had heard that members of the JFK House had been there on picnics.

She stated that her connection with the JFK House was principally as a hostess and chaperone at the dances that took place there. She stated that because she is over 21, Mrs. ROBINSON had asked her to be a hostess. She stated that she had also attended several dinners at the JFK House. She advised that she had never attended meetings of any sort at the JFK House.

She stated that she did attend a meeting held at the Masonic Temple on East 105th Street in the Spring of 1965 at which JAMES SHABAZZ was the chief speaker. She denied that she had a gun in her possession at this meeting and also denied any knowledge of security precautions in which members of the rifle club were involved.

On September 23, 1965, COLLINS THOMPCKINS, age 21, Room 210, 10402 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

THOMPCKINS stated that he heard about there being a rifle club from fellows hanging around on East 105th Street, and that if you were interested in shooting to come around to the JFK House to meetings. He evaded questions about the rifle club or the activities of the rifle club. He stated that this rifle club had no name. He admitted that he owned a 303 Enfield rifle and that he participated in target practice at the DOZIER farm several times a month during the summer of 1964 and again this year, the last time being about May 30, 1965. He advised that he stopped shooting because he had lost interest and it was too expensive a hobby. He denied that he participated in any guerrilla warfare training or that this rifle club was to protect civil rights workers. He stated that there were no girls in this

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rifle club or at the target practices. He declined to identify any other members of the rifle club.

He stated that he has never met DONALD FREEMAN, but has heard of him. He advised that he has never heard of RAM, Organization for Black Power, or United Black Youth.

On September 23, 1965, RICHARD ~~SHANKLIN~~, age 24, 10402 St. Clair Avenue, furnished the following information:

Cleveland, Ohio B. APPROX. 1941
He advised that he still belongs to a rifle club which he called the JFK Rifle Club, but that he has not attended meetings in several months. He stated that at the meetings he attended the only thing discussed was the nomenclature of rifles, and not the protection of civil rights workers or guerrilla warfare. The purpose of this rifle club was to provide recreation for the older boys who came to the JFK House and to engage in target practice. The only reason otherwise that he went to the JFK House was to keep order and help LEWIS ROBINSON. He stated that he has heard that there are supposedly 300 members of this rifle club, but that he never saw that many. He informed that he owns a German Mauser Rifle and that he went with the rifle club to the DOZIER farm in the Summer of 1964 and the Spring of 1965 for target shooting. He stated that he has also shot skeet at the Midway Club located near the DOZIER farm. He refused to identify other members of the rifle club or his companions when he went to the DOZIER farm, or even the leaders of the rifle club. He did state that LEWIS ROBINSON is the head of the JFK House. He stated that he is acquainted with DON FREEMAN but has never gone to meetings with him or been present at any meetings with him. He stated that he has heard about RAM, but knows nothing about it. He stated that he has never heard of the Organization for Black Power. SHANKLIN stated that he is **not going** to say anything about the rifle club or its members which is going to put him on "Front Street" (means Ohio State Prison).
aka Charles Williams

On October 15, 1965 NORMAN BOBBY ~~MC JUNKINS~~, age 25, 627 East 128th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

Bobby Mc Junkins B. APPROX. 1940
Norman MC JUNKINS at first denied knowing the existence of a rifle club or even being a member of any type of rifle club. He

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stated that he went to the JFK House on Superior Avenue to help out and to keep order on the premises. He then admitted that he did belong to a rifle club which met at the JFK House during 1964 and 1965 but that he no longer belonged to it. He stated during this period he had occasion to engage in target practice with the rifle club at the DOZIER farm. He stated that at one time he owned a Mauser rifle which he disposed of as well as a .32 caliber pistol. He stated he owns a .12 gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber rifle. He admitted that he had ordered a carbine at Galco Sales under the alias of CHARLES WILLIAMS but that he decided against going through with the purchase of this weapon.

MC JUNKINS stated that he no longer belonged to the rifle club, that he does not frequent the JFK House or associate with any of the individuals who belong to the rifle club. He advised that he does not know if the rifle club is still active. He stated that he is presently employed by Western Reserve University as an animal caretaker.

He advised that he is saving money to get married in June, 1966, to BARBARA WRIGHT, 650 East 128th Street, at which time she will have completed high school Cleveland, Ohio.

MC JUNKINS stated that in his opinion, there is nothing wrong with shooting in self-defense at a person who attacks him. He advised that he has told more lies than the truth during his life time and will continue to lie if it serves his purpose.

On October 25, 1965, CV T-12, who associated with members of the rifle club, furnished the following information:

Source advised that there was a rifle club which held closed meetings in the basement of the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue.

Source stated that at one rifle club meeting allegedly everyone was searched for a tape recorder because a panel truck, believed to belong to the Cleveland Police Department, was observed in the vicinity of the JFK House.

On November 3, 1965, source further advised that at one time HARLELL JONES and some of his associates concealed their rifles and ammunition in the ceiling of the basement of the JFK House.

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At one time JONES and ALBERT WARE were thinking of sending ROBERT FUNCHES, also known as "SKEET" to school in order to learn more about communications and electricity, and they were thinking of obtaining walkie-talkie radios.

James Sanders
On November 4, 1965, JAMES EARL SANDERS, age 21, 519 East 115th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

~~GREEN~~ He stated that his nickname is "STICKY" not "STINKY"

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SANDERS advised that he never belonged to the rifle club which met at the JFK House and that except to attend two dances there which was over a year ago, he never frequented or went there. He admitted that once during the Summer of 1964, he went with members of the rifle club to the farm of Mr. DOZIER where they had target practice. He informed that he did not do any shooting, and further that he did not own any firearms. He advised that he has never heard of RAM or the Organization for Black Power. He stated that he is single and presently frequents the Cadillac Pool Hall, Eddy and Arlington Roads. He stated that next year he intends to marry ELISE JACKSON, a student at Collinwood High School who lives on Thames off East 152nd Street.

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CV T-3 advised on March 14, 1965, that he was present for part of a rifle club meeting held on March 10, 1965, at the Jono Freedom Kenyatta (JFK) House, 8801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. He stated that the meeting was held in the basement and he was startled to see several persons there with weapons. He advised that these persons had a diagram of the Pleasant Road Baptist Church, and they were making plans for some members of the rifle club to serve as security guards for DON FREEMAN at a meeting and rally of the Freedom Fighters to be held at this church.

He advised that the guns he saw were revolvers or automatics and at least one of them was loaded because he saw one of the rifle club members inserting and removing a clip containing ammunition. He advised that those members of the rifle club who were to serve as security guards were instructed to wear red sweaters and dark trousers for the affair.

He advised that an individual who called himself DAWUD ASLAM was in charge of making arrangements for the security. He later learned that this individual is actually DAVE OWENS who resides at 1193 East 111th Street, telephone 795-7207, and who operates a book store next to the Liberty Theater, Superior Avenue near East 103rd Street, telephone 231-9373. Cleveland, Ohio

The source stated that DON FREEMAN made the comment that now is the time for a strategic withdrawal as far as openly advocating revolution is concerned and that they should attempt to unite all Negro organizations in this country and educate the Negroes before going ahead with their plans for warfare. The source stated that this statement by FREEMAN was prompted by the fact that FREEMAN was suspended from his school teaching position as a result of being publicly exposed as a RAM member.

According to source, FREEMAN further stated that a number of people have stated that they would support him in efforts to get his job back but that these people did not actually know how he felt. He said that these people would drop him like a dirty shirt if they knew his true beliefs. He also said that his parents had no idea how strongly he feels about the Negro situation and the fact that he has been advocating revolution. FREEMAN also said that he may go to Africa if he is unsuccessful in getting his job back.

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The source stated that apparently FREEMAN does not have complete control of the rifle club because JONES and WARE stated that they would go ahead with their plans for the rifle club when DON made his statement about this being the time for a strategic withdrawal.

The source also stated the HENRY B. ~~JONES~~, HARLLEL JONES' brother, was at the rifle club meeting mentioned above on March 10, 1965 and that he drives a 1957 Lincoln convertible but that he did not know if HENRY ~~JONES~~ is actually a member of the rifle club.

The Freedom Fighters is a legitimate civil rights organization in Cleveland, Ohio.

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CV T-3 furnished the following additional information on March 18, 1965:

He advised that a regular meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on March 17, 1965 and that HARLLEL JONES and ALBERT WARE ran the meeting.

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Source further stated he had learned that DAVE OWENS had come to the rifle club and tried to take over the operation of the club presumably as a representative of RAM, but that actually HANIF WAHAB and DON FREEMAN stated OWENS was not an officer of RAM and from their remarks, the source gained the impression that he may not even be a member.

The source stated that LEWIS ROBINSON was at the above mentioned meeting. The source stated that it seems to him that there is some difference of opinion as to who is running the rifle club because it appears that LEWIS ROBINSON thinks that it is his group whereas the RAM people have been more and more in attendance at the meetings and they also consider it to be their group. He said that most of the people affiliated with RAM make unfavorable statements about LEWIS ROBINSON because they feel that he is primarily a publicity seeker and talks too much. Further, he has a white wife, which makes him unacceptable to this group.

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On May 19, 1965, Mr. BEN ADLER, Adler's Surplus Sales, 728 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished five sales slips and one handwritten notation concerning recent rifle purchases made at his store. The sales slips have been photographed and returned to Mr. ADLER. Pertinent information taken from each sales slip is set forth below:

- 1) Sales slip #0096, dated May 16, 1964, reflecting sale of two M-91 Mauser rifles, Nos. K4377 and T6919, at \$29.95 each, plus 200 rounds of ammunition at \$8.00 per 100. Total sale of \$78.18, to LEWIS ROBINSON, 1402 East 120th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2) Sales slip bearing cash register #0085, dated May 20, 1964, reflecting sale of one Mk.3 Enfield rifle to ALBERT A. WARE, 1121 Primrose, Cleveland, Ohio. This rifle, No. B15388, was purchased for \$14.95 with the total bill, including tax and a \$2.49 cleaning kit, amounting to \$17.97.
- 3) Sales slip bearing cash register #0096 and 0181, dated June 11 and July 15, 1964, reflecting sale of one rifle, #5834, to RICHARD SHANKLIN, 607 East 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. This sales slip is signed by RICHARD SHANKLIN apparently to show receipt of the weapon after having made an original deposit of \$5.00 toward a total sales price of \$40.85.
- 4) Sales slip dated July 11, 1964, reflecting sale of two .303 British Enfield rifles, #7289 and T6078, to MELVIN SHANKLIN, 1397 East Boulevard. Total sale, including tax and 64 rounds of ammunition at \$6.40, amounted to \$41.51.
- 5) Sales slip bearing cash register #0056 reflecting sale of one M91 Mauser Sporter rifle, No. K5540, to NORMAN MC JUNKINS, 1261 East 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio. This slip, which was dated November 4, 1964, shows that MC JUNKINS also purchased 100 rounds of

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ammunition, cal. 7.65, for \$8.00, a sling for \$1.98 and a belt for 79¢, for a total sale of \$41.95.

In addition to the sales slips described above, Mr. ADLER also provided a handwritten notation showing that MELVIN SHANKLIN, 1397 East Boulevard, had purchased one M-91 Mauser Sporter rifle, #A1447. Cost and date of this sale were not available as Mr. ADLER stated he has been unable to locate the original sales slip for this purchase.

On May 19, 1965, information concerning the gun purchases noted above was made available to Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department.

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On June 16, 1965, Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department advised that NORMAN BOBBY MC JUNKINS, Cleveland Police Department Number 108102, was arrested on June 13, 1965, on a charge of Auto Trespassing.

Patrolman MAHON advised that in the wallet of MC JUNKINS was found a Bill of Sale #64781 of the Galco Sales Company, 4004 East 71st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, dated May 15, 1965, reflecting the sale to CHARLES WILLIAMS, 650 East 128th Street, one used Carbine for \$59.95 and 100 rounds of ammunition for the Carbine for \$11.00, plus a tax of \$2.13, a total amount of \$73.08; deposit paid of \$3.00 leaving a balance due in the amount of \$70.08.

Patrolman MAHON stated that MC JUNKINS refused to discuss this Bill of Sale.

On the same date, ALAN LANDY, Galco Sales Company, 4004 East 71st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information.

He informed that he recalled making this sale and that there were three Negro males who came into the store together. He viewed a photograph of NORMAN BOBBY MC JUNKINS, Cleveland Police Department #108102, taken on July 31, 1961, and was unable to identify him as the individual giving the name of CHARLES WILLIAMS.

Mr. LANDY recalled that he also sold a gun to one of the individuals accompanying the man who gave his name as WILLIAMS.

He made available Bill of Sale #64778 dated May 15, 1965, reflecting the sale to MORRIS, 7806 Redell, a 7.62 caliber Russian Jokarea for \$39.95 and 100 rounds of ammunition for \$8.00 plus \$1.44 in tax for a total of \$49.39, with a deposit of \$3.00 leaving a balance owed in the amount of \$46.39. He was unable to identify a photograph of PHILIP MORRIS, Cleveland Police Department #118624, taken on August 22, 1964, as the purchaser.

He advised that the Serial Number on the M-1 Carbine is #2145178 and the Serial Number on the Russian Jokarea is #3H4453. He informed that he still has both of the guns in the

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store and that the purchasers have failed to return and pick them up. He exhibited the guns to the interviewing agents.

On July 19, 1965, Mr. LANDY informed that the guns still had not been picked up and that he would send a postcard to the above individuals requesting that they complete the transaction or forfeit the deposit.

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On July 20, 1965, inquiry was made at 650 East 128th Street of a young Negro female who identified herself as BARBARA WRIGHT, the daughter of JESSIE JAMES WRIGHT. She informed that her parents own this dwelling where they have resided for 16 months and that the only occupants other than her immediate family are Mrs. JUANITA GRIFFIN, Negro, female, age 30, who resides upstairs with her six children.

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On June 30, 1965, Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department, advised that several months ago the Cleveland Police Department had made inquiry in the vicinity of Windsor, Ohio, but had been unable to ascertain whether there was a rifle range in that area.

He advised that investigation by the Cleveland Police Department determined that on February 17, 1965, a 1964 Ford Falcon bearing Ohio Registration GM265 was observed parked in front of the Jono Freedom Kenyatta (JFK) House, Superior Avenue.

This license was issued to Reverend PHEADORA PEARL, Post Office Box 107A, Windsor, Ohio, for a 1964 Ford.

He advised that pay phone 231-9602 located in the JFK House is listed to the JFK Center and the bill is sent to RUEMYLIA PEARL, 3702 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. He advised that RUEMYLIA PEARL is married to WILLIE PEARL and they operate the Pure Service Station located at 3306 Cedar. He stated that the car of the Reverend PEARL mentioned above, was observed at this service station on February 17, 1965.

He advised that a 1957 Ford, bearing 1964 Ohio Registration GF 2861 was seen at the residence of LEWIS ROBINSON on April 18, 1964.

This license is issued to RUEMYLIA PEARL, 3702 Cedar.

On July 1, 1965, Patrolman MAHON stated that he had determined from the police department records that on February 18, 1965, Detectives JOYCE and VIDMAR went to Windsor, Ohio, and determined that the Reverend PEARL does not have a church in this community and that he lives off Highway 322.

On July 1, 1965, WALTER BOLL, Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, advised that he was unable to locate a record for PHEADORA PEARL and RUEMYLIA PEARL, wife WILLIE.

On July 8, 1965, Ashtabula County Deputy Sheriff MURRAY LEWIS advised that he had no record for anyone whose last name is PEARL.

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On July 19, 1965, Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department, advised that 1965 Ohio license GF 2859 was listed to a 1956 Chevrolet station wagon, and GF 2860 was listed to a 1958 Mercury and both cars were registered to RUEMYLIA PEARL, 3702 Cedar.

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The following investigation was conducted at the Cleveland Police Department:

On July 21, 1965, GERTRUDE BLISS, Identification Bureau, advised that she had a record for RUEMYLIA PEARL, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department Number 98478, which contained the following information:

Name	<u>RUEMYLIA PEARL</u>
Residence	<u>3702 Cedar Cleveland, Ohio</u>
Race	<u>Negro</u>
Sex	<u>Male</u>
Alias	<u>PEARL</u>
Born	<u>January 30, 1925</u> <u>Bessemer, Alabama</u>
Height	<u>5'5"</u>
Weight	<u>143 pounds</u>
Hair	<u>Black</u>
Eyes	<u>Maroon</u>
Complexion	<u>Medium brown</u>
Occupation	<u>Gas Station Operator</u>
Wife	<u>Mrs. WILLIE D. Pearl</u>
Mother	<u>PHEDOR</u>
Father	<u>EDWARD</u>
Children	<u>LINDA JEAN</u>
Brothers	<u>MELVIN, EDWARD, SAM</u>
Sisters	<u>DOROTHY, JOYCE, AGNES</u>
Arrests	<u>April 17, 1959 - Investigation,</u> <u>receiving stolen property;</u> <u>April 18, 1959 - Released on</u> <u>a suspicious person waiver.</u>

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On July 20, 1965, GERTRUDE BLISS, Identification Bureau, advised that she had no record on WILLIE PEARL.

On the same date, Sergeant TED SAWYER, General Record Room, advised that they had the following record for WILLIE D. PEARL, 3702 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, described as:

Name	WILLIE D. PEARL
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Born	November 3, 1923
Height	5'4"
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Arrests	January 18, 1960 - Driving the wrong way on a one way street; October 26, 1962 - Making a prohibited turn; January 16, 1965 - Speeding

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On July 20, 1965, GERTRUDE BLISS, Identification Bureau, advised that they had no record on PHEADORA PEARL. The same date, Sergeant TED SAWYER, General Record Room, advised that they had the following record for PHEADORA PEARL, 3708 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, described as follows:

Name	PHEADORA PEARL
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Born	October 6, 1903
Weight	210 pounds
Height	5'3"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Arrests	March 19, 1960 - Making improper turn at intersection; September 29, 1962 - Boulevard infraction.

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On July 30, 1965, Sergeant TED SAWYER, General Record Room, Cleveland Police Department, advised that they had the following record for RUEMYLIA PEARL, 3702 Cedar, 2385 East 37th Street, Cleveland, Ohio:

Date of Birth	January 3, 1925
Height	5'5"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

Arrest Record:

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July 29, 1947	Disorderly Conduct
July 31, 1950	Improper lights
November 25, 1952	Speeding
August 10, 1956	Policy
March 14, 1959	Prohibited turn
April 17, 1959	Investigation - Released - Receiving stolen property
May 17, 1961	Speeding
July 8, 1964	Speeding
October 6, 1964	Speeding
January 16, 1965	Speeding

On July 2, 1965, CV T-5 furnished the following information:

He advised that he was familiar with the Pure Service Station located at 3306 Cedar. He stated that an individual named PEARL whom he described as Negro, male, 50 years, 5'8", medium build, has operated this service station for approximately ten years.

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He informed that the service station has a new model heavy tow truck with a flashing light on top of the cab. He informed that PEARL also operated Pearl's Lunch, located at East 55th and Cedar for about five or six years and that this establishment was now out of business. He advised that he did not know the first name of PEARL.

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On July 1, 1965, CV T-1 furnished the following information:

Source advised that during the Fall of 1964 and again since the Spring of 1965, he has heard rifle fire and occasionally a shotgun blast every Sunday afternoon from the farm of LAWRENCE DOZIER, who resides on Noble Road. He advised that the firing usually starts in the afternoon about 3:00 or 4:00 PM, and sometimes continues until dusk. He stated that at the time this firing is going on, he has observed four and five automobiles occupied by Negro males at the DOZIER farm. He stated that LAWRENCE DOZIER has resided with his wife at this farm on Noble Road for approximately ten years, and that the farm is actually located in Hartsgrove Township and not in Windsor Township. Source stated that DOZIER's wife is not known to have any children, and DOZIER is unemployed and receives a disability pension every month. He described DOZIER as a Negro, male, approximately 50-60 years old, 5'9", slim build, dark complexion. Source informed DOZIER was arrested a couple of years ago by the Alcohol Tax Unit for operating a still on this property, and he went into court and received a jail sentence.

Source stated that the last Sunday rifle fire was heard from the DOZIER farm was June 20, 1965. The firing sounds as if it is going on at the southwestern end of the farm. Source stated there is no one residing on the farm other than LAWRENCE DOZIER and his wife.

CV T-2 advised further on July 1, 1965 that there was a rifle range backstop located on the southern boundary on the farm of LAWRENCE DOZIER in the southwest corner set back into the edge of a wooded area, which runs along the southern boundary. The rifle range backstop is approximately 40 feet long, over six feet in height, and almost six feet in depth. It is formed by stacking tree limbs and tree trunks on top of each other, backed by sand, which reaches the height of approximately five feet, is about five feet deep, and this in turn is backed up by more tree limbs and tree trunks stacked on top of each other. This backstop runs east and west, and the area in front of it is littered with beer cans and various types of bottles which have been used as targets. About 25 yards directly north of this backstop is a sand embankment approximately 15 to 20 feet long, approximately two feet high, which is hand-made, and on top of the sand

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embankment were several burlap-type sand bags. On the north side of this embankment and parallel with it is a slit trench approximately two feet deep. Source advised that the line of fire appeared to be from north to south. Source made available twelve pieces of rifle brass, which were found in the vicinity of the sand embankment.

This source also advised that in the western end of the rifle backstop was a cardboard placard on which was printed the following: "Paleface BRIGGS speaks with forked tongue." This placard had what appeared to be bullet holes through it. In the middle of the backstop was a similar placard on which the following was printed: "Mr. FREEMAN was an alert teacher."

It is believed the first sign refers to PAUL BRIGGS, Superintendent of the Cleveland Public School System, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is believed the second sign refers to DONALD FREEMAN, a former teacher in the Cleveland Public School System.

CV T-2 recalled that he saw similar signs being carried by pickets who were demonstrating at the Cleveland Board of Education Building on March 16, 1965, in connection with the dismissal of FREEMAN as a school teacher, and LEWIS ROBINSON was one of the pickets.

The following interviews were conducted on July 2, 1965:

Mrs. FLORENCE UDELL, Deputy United States Marshal, Cleveland, Ohio, and JOSEPH BENIK, Office of Clerk of Court, United States District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, and RALPH KRIEGER, State of Ohio Liquor Enforcement Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, all advised they were unable to locate a record identifiable with LAWRENCE DOZIER, Noble Road, Windsor, Ohio.

ROBERT J. VAN COTT, Investigator in Charge, Alcohol-Tobacco Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, 232 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, advised he did not have any record identifiable

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with DOZIER, but that Ashtabula County was handled out of the Youngstown, Ohio District of the Alcohol Tax Unit.

DUNCAN CRAIG, Investigator in Charge, Alcohol-Tobacco Tax Unit, Youngstown, Ohio, advised he personally participated in the arrest on May 11, 1955, of LAWRENCE DOZIER and his wife, WILLA DOZIER, and WILLIAM E. JONES, an employee of DOZIER, which arrest was made on the DOZIER farm located on Noble Road, and these individuals were operating a still. CRAIG stated that his records had been sent to his main office at Cincinnati, Ohio, and that he was furnishing this information from memory. He advised that information had been developed that DOZIER, a native of Arkansas, was believed to be operating a still on his property, and the Alcohol Tax Unit set up a surveillance on his property. An Alcohol-Tobacco Tax Unit agent, who was concealed on the property, was discovered by DOZIER, who indicated he was going to work over the agent, who immediately then identified himself and placed DOZIER under arrest. The Alcohol Tax Unit agent took DOZIER and JONES, a farm hand, to the DOZIER residence; however, Mrs. DOZIER became very belligerent and refused to allow the agent to enter the dwelling.

CRAIG advised that at about that time he arrived in the area to relieve the Alcohol Tax Unit agent and came by the DOZIER dwelling and saw all the commotion. CRAIG advised that he and this agent left the dwelling and contacted the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff TOM FASULA came out to the farm and arrested Mr. and Mrs. DOZIER and JONES and, at that time, they found while searching the house a still being operated in the attic. He advised that Federal charges were dropped and the individuals were all prosecuted in County Court, Jefferson, Ohio.

CRAIG recalled that the defense attorney was a former employer of Mrs. WILLA DOZIER. He recalled that the defense offered by LAWRENCE DOZIER was that he was not operating a still to make liquor but was trying to manufacture a fluid which would make man immune to the atomic bomb. He advised they were all found guilty, and LAWRENCE DOZIER failed to appear in court for sentencing but was later arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Cleveland Police Department and returned to Jefferson, Ohio, for sentencing.

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Mr. CRAIG stated his records were located in the Cincinnati, Ohio office and would have file number Ohio N 4514, dated May 11, 1955.

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Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, advised he had located a record under their file number 94582, for LAWRENCE DOZIER, FBI Number 3781399, described as follows:

Race	<u>Negro</u>
Sex	<u>Male</u>
Residence	<u>4687 East 143rd Street</u> <u>Cleveland, Ohio</u>

Date of Birth	December 29, 1910
Height	6'
Weight	195 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Wife	WILLA

Little Rock, Ark.

The following arrests were on file:

April 2, 1952	S.O., Jefferson, Ohio; rape; \$5,000 bail, bound over.
May 11, 1955	Alcohol Tax Unit, Cleveland, Ohio; violation of Internal Revenue Service law - still; guilty and fined \$1,000
May 11, 1955	S.O., Jefferson, Ohio; illegal manufacture of liquor; no disposition
June 30, 1958	Cleveland Police Department; investigation in connection with burglaries; released on a suspicious person waiver.

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On July 7, 1965, NOREEN NOVAK, Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department, advised that there was no record for LAWRENCE DOZIER.

On July 6, 1965, GERTRUDE BLISS, Identification Bureau, Cleveland Police Department, advised that there was a record for LAWRENCE DOZIER, Cleveland Police Department Number 94582 and FBI Number 3781399.

He is described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Date of Birth:	12/29/10 at Little Rock, Arkansas
Height:	6'
Weight:	195 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Dark maroon
Complexion:	Light brown
Build:	Medium
Wife:	WILLA
Parents:	Deceased
Children:	None
Brothers:	L.V.; ROBERT; LEONARD; EDWARD; IZIA; RILEY
Sisters:	SHIRLEY; ANNA; GLENDA; SOFIA

The following arrests were noted in the file:

Sheriff's Office, Cleveland, Ohio, #281, October 29, 1940, carrying a concealed weapon; Cleveland Police Department, June 30, 1958, investigation in connection with burglary, released on a suspicious person waiver on July 1, 1958.

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On July 8, 1965, Sergeant TED SAWYER, General Record Room, Cleveland Police Department advised that they have a record for LAWRENCE DOZIER who is described as follows:

Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Dates of Birth:	12/29/10 12/29/11 12/29/12 12/29/13
Height:	6'
Weight:	195 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Maroon
Residences:	4687 East 143rd Street; 4691 East 144th Street; 2181 East 100th Street; 4723 East 143rd Street

The following entries appear on the record:

April 9, 1939	Investigation and released
May 4, 1940	Speeding
February 6, 1942	Intoxication
May 16, 1946	Firearms Ordinance
December 5, 1947	Speeding and following too closely
January 17, 1948	Intoxication
December 25, 1948	License Plates Violation
February 26, 1949	License Plates Violation
July 1, 1950	Improper turn at intersection
November 10, 1958	National Prohibition Act

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January 23, 1951	Auto Stealing
October 22, 1951	Auto Trespassing
August 16, 1957	Speeding
June 27, 1958	Investigation for burglary and larceny; released

On July 6, 1965, WALTER BOLL, Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, advised that they had a record on LAWRENCE DOSIER, SR., wife WILLA, whose first wife, LULU, died on February 11, 1941. He has been on file since 1935, and has a fair credit rating. He resides at RD #1, Orwell, Ohio, and formerly resided at 2455 East 63rd Street, 4691 East 144th Street, 2181 East 100th Street, and 4687 East 143rd Street, all of Cleveland, Ohio, and Novle Road, RD #1, Orwell, Ohio. The file indicates that he is self-employed as the Dosier Construction Company and that he was formerly employed by the FRANK NOVELLI Construction Company.

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On July 2, 1965, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED] He stated that Mr. and Mrs. DOZIER are originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and he described LAWRENCE DOZIER as a Negro, male, age 50, 5'11" tall, medium build, dark complexion, and his wife, WILLA DOZIER, as Negro female, age 45, average height, heavy set, dark complexion, and very pleasant. They are the only ones residing on the DOZIER property. He advised that DOZIER drives a 1958 or 1959 Ford, which has a white top and a black bottom. He stated that to his knowledge, DOZIER is not employed. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [REDACTED] stated that during the Summer of 1964, and again this year since the warm weather, there has been firing every Sunday on the DOZIER property. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [REDACTED] he was in the Army during World War II and served in the South Pacific for four years, and that he has been active in the Army reserves and is familiar with firearms. He stated that the weapons being used are rifles but on several occasions he believes he has heard an automatic weapon being fired. He advised he has not heard any shotguns.

[REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED] He advised he was not out at the farm on Sunday, June 27, 1965, but he was out at the farm on Sunday, June 20, 1965, and rifle firing went on at the DOZIER farm on that date. He stated the firing usually starts late in the afternoon and sometimes continues until dusk. He advised he has seen four and five cars occupied by Negro males on the DOZIER property and sometimes these individuals are accompanied by women and children. He recalls that among the cars he frequently sees at the DOZIER farm on these Sundays are the following:

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1953 green Pontiac;

Green jeep station wagon;

An old car, model not known, which is missing the rear window;

He informed that DOZIER usually roams all over his property and he has seen him on these occasions carrying a rifle. He informed that DOZIER is a good neighbor and is very careful to return almost immediately anything he might borrow [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The following investigation was conducted on July 7, 1965:

JOSEPH BISHOP, Windsor, Ohio, advised that the Reverend PHEADORA PEARL lives approximately one and one-half miles west of Windsor, Ohio, on Highway 322.

FRANK HOLLEY, Township Trustee, Noble Road, Windsor, Ohio, advised he has heard rifle fire on the DOZIER property last Summer and this Summer almost every Sunday, however, he has not heard any firing for the past two Sundays.

HAROLD FULLER, Township Trustee, Mechanicsville Road, Hartsgrove, Ohio, advised that for the past year he has heard firing at approximately weekly intervals from the DOZIER farm but has not paid any attention to it. He stated it sounded like rifle fire. He informed he is acquainted with LAWRENCE DOZIER and that during the past Winter on several occasions DOZIER has come out of his house with a gun and threatened the Township employee who was using his driveway to turn around when he was driving snow removal equipment. He pointed out that the driveway to the DOZIER dwelling is located on the Hartsgrove and Windsor Township lines.

RAY SHORE, Ashtabula County Engineers Office, Jefferson, Ohio, furnished Ashtabula County road maps and also made available maps showing the property of LAWRENCE DOZIER, Hartsgrove, Ohio, and the property of individuals surrounding his property.

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It is noted on this map that the section on the northern end of the property of DOZIER has apparently been sold as of 1961 to JAMES and ETHEL COLLIER.

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On July 8, 1965, Ashtabula County Court Docket #7386 and related papers were reviewed at the County Court House located at Jefferson, Ohio.

The defendants were listed as LAWRENCE DOZIER, WILLA DOZIER and WILLIAM EIRY JONES. They were arrested on May 11, 1955, and charged with Illegal Manufacture of Liquor.

On December 17, 1955, both DOZIERs were found guilty. LAWRENCE DOZIER was fined \$1,000 and costs. WILLA DOZIER was fined \$100.

WILLIAM JONES entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 90 days plus costs; execution of sentence was suspended for 90 days on good behavior and on giving a \$200 bond.

LAWRENCE DOZIER appealed his conviction, however, according to entries in the Court Docket his attorney failed to comply with statutory time limits and the appeal was disallowed.

On February 9, 1957, LAWRENCE DOZIER failed to appear in court for sentencing and a capias was issued for his arrest. On November 1, 1958, it was noted that LAWRENCE DOZIER had been located and on November 15, 1958, he appeared in court and the sentence of December 17, 1955 was ordered into effect and he was committed to jail, being in default of payment of fine and costs.

The court file contained a letter dated December 8, 1958, from W. T. LOWRY, M.D., Jefferson, Ohio, who stated that he had examined DOZIER. DOZIER had been employed in a grinding shop at Cleveland, Ohio, for approximately 26 years, at which time he developed silicosis, a chronic pulmonary disease caused by deposition of foreign atmospheric particles in his lungs. This completely disabled him and he receives compensation from the State Industrial Commission. The doctor found that his breathing was impaired, that he has a poor heart and he recommended his release from the County Jail.

A file on this case maintained in the office of the Ashtabula County Prosecutor contained the following pertinent information:

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The Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit, United States Treasury Department initiated investigation of LAWRENCE DOZIER as a result of the surveillance of a truck which at Cleveland, Ohio, picked up raw material normally used to set up a still and followed this truck to the farm of DOZIER. The license plates on the truck were listed to LUTHER WARD, 10932 Grantwood, Cleveland, Ohio.

The attorney for Mr. and Mrs. DOZIER was THEODORE M. WILLIAMS, a member of the law firm of Williams and Bradley, 3507 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland. The prosecuting attorney was CALVIN W. HUTCHINS, now Ashtabula County Juvenile Judge.

WILLA DOZIER testified during the trial that she was an employee of the Lampl Dress Factory, 2607 Superior Avenue, and the Twin Auto Seat Company, West 27th and Lorain, both Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Lawrence Dozier

The following physical descriptions were contained in the file:

Name:	WILLA DOZIER
Residence:	RD #1 Orwell, Ohio
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Female
Date of Birth:	5/4/23 at Cleveland Ohio
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	140 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Brown
Scars and Marks:	None

Name:	WILLIAM EIRY JONES
Residence:	RD #1 Orwell, Ohio
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	2/16/27 at Anderson, South Carolina
Height:	5'7½"
Weight:	152 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Brown

William Jones
William E. Jones

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Scars and Marks:

Burn scar on right wrist
and cut scar on left ear

On the same date, Ashtabula County Prosecutor JOSEPH MAHONEY and Ashtabula County Sheriff TOM FASULA were advised of the rifle range located on the property of LAWRENCE DOZIER, Noble Road, Hartsgrove Township, Ashtabula County. They were further advised that information had been developed that firing was going on on this property every Sunday since the Spring of this year until June 20, 1965, and that firing also had been going on during the Summer of 1964. They informed that the discharge of firearms in end of itself, on the property of DOZIER, was not a violation of any law and that the State of Ohio Revised Code Number 3773.21 and Number 3773.04 could, in certain situations apply if the firing was being directed outside the enclosures of the DOZIER property.

On the same date, Deputy Sheriff MURRAY LEWIS advised that he had a record for WILLIAM EIRY JONES, Windsor, Ohio, their number A 1109, who was arrested on May 11, 1955, for Illegal Manufacture of Liquor and who was released on \$1,000 bond on May 16, 1955. No further disposition was listed. JONES was described as a Negro male, then age 28, born at Anderson, South Carolina, 5'7½", 152 pounds.

He advised that he had a record for LAWRENCE DOZIER, their number A 837, containing the following arrests:

April 2, 1962

Rape; case nolloed on
May 15, 1952

May 11, 1955

Illegal Manufacture of
Liquor; released on \$1,000
bond on May 16, 1955; fined
\$1,000 plus \$98.08 in costs
on November 14, 1958

He stated that he was unable to locate a card for
WILLA DOZIER.

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On August 4, 1965.

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and there has been no firing since June, 1965.

On August 4, 1965, CV T-6 informed that BETH ROBINSON, wife of LEWIS ROBINSON, stated that she knew the boys missed LEWIS at the rifle club, but she made him give it up. She stated that she had told ROBINSON he already had lost a good job because of his starting a rifle club and she told him that she was going to leave him unless he gave up the rifle club.

On September 2, 1965, CV T-6 furnished the following information:

He stated that in his opinion, the rifle club, which formerly met at the JFK House, is no longer in existence, which information he has previously furnished regarding this club. He stated that in view of his association with ROBINSON and the fact that he lives near the JFK House, and goes there on occasion, he would know whether the rifle club was still in existence.

On September 29, 1965, CV T-6 advised the rifle club, which formerly met at the JFK House, is still inactive and probably dissolved.

On October 27, 1965, CV T-6 stated that he still frequents the JFK House and that if the rifle club ever starts up again, he is confident he will be aware of it. He stated that he has not observed any of the rifle club members there; that only teenagers from the neighborhood come to the JFK House for social activities.

On May 5, 1965, CV T-7 ^{Ohio} advised that on April 29, 1965, LEWIS ROBINSON and CORNELIUS YOUNG engaged in conversation about explosives. YOUNG mentioned that while he was in the service he had some experience in demolition and ROBINSON told him that he needed a good man to construct bombs. YOUNG indicated that he was interested; however, neither one pursued the matter any further at that time.

On July 30, 1965, CV T-8 advised that DONALD FREEMAN was supposed to go to a meeting that night at the residence of

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MELVIN SHANKLIN, Apartment 1-B, 1397 East Boulevard. Source stated that FREEMAN and SHANKLIN were barely acquainted with each other and SHANKLIN had to remind FREEMAN that he met him at a recent meeting where FREEMAN had been a speaker.

On September 2, 1965, ~~GLENN SIMPSON~~, 7619 Wade Park Avenue, furnished the following information:

Cleveland, Ohio
He stated that he was interested in the civil rights movement and was presently the Membership Chairman of the Freedom Fighters. He stated that this was a legitimate civil rights organization and he furnished a copy of the constitution of the Freedom Fighters to explain their program. He advised that he regularly attends meetings of the Freedom Fighters and he has never heard any individual advocate violent overthrow of the Government or organizing riots.

SIMPSON advised that he knew nothing about a rifle club, although he did recall that LEWIS ROBINSON did get some publicity when he announced formation of such a club about a year or so ago. He stated that he is acquainted with ROBINSON but does not associate with him. He stated that he has been to the JFK House to attend Freedom Fighters meetings. He stated that he has never heard of a rifle club that met there nor has he ever seen any weapons displayed there.

On September 28, 1965, CV T-9 furnished the following information:

There has never been a rifle club headed by LEWIS ROBINSON, other than on paper and in the newspapers. It was a publicity stunt and all inquiries were turned away. ROBINSON felt that the publicity was such that he really did not need a rifle club -- just the threat.

On September 19, 1965, CV T-10 stated ALBERT WARE made the statement that investigation by the FBI had caused the rifle club to discontinue holding meetings or any rifle practices. WARE stated that the rifle club was not getting together on a regular basis, but wanted to be able to get together in the event anything came up. The source advised that WARE would like to continue the rifle club because he is the leader of the club and this makes him feel important as this is the first opportunity he has ever had to be the leader of anything.

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On October 6, 1965, CV T-11 furnished the following information:

LEWIS ROBINSON was heard to say on October 3, 1965 that the rifle club was no longer active. ROBINSON indicated that the young people who belong to the rifle club would not do as they were directed and there was no authority in the club.

Source further advised that leaflets distributed in the Cleveland area under the name of United Black Youth were brought from either Chicago or New York during the latter part of August or early part of September, 1965, and were distributed by a few members of the rifle club in the Hough area and in the vicinity of Superior Avenue and East 105th Street. These leaflets call for young Negroes to join the guerrilla army to kill white people.

On August 30, 1965, Cleveland City Councilman MORRIS JACKSON, 20th Ward, furnished a copy of a mimeographed one-page leaflet which he stated had been passed out on Hough Avenue in his ward during the preceding weekend. Mr. JACKSON pointed out that Hough Avenue is in the heart of the Negro slum area in Cleveland and is the area where racial riots might be expected to occur. He stated he had developed no information of a specific nature indicating a racial riot would occur, and did not know the origin of the leaflet which was signed "The Black United Youths." He stated he had never heard of this group before.

The leaflet is quoted below:

"ATTENTION

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"VIOLENCE"

"We as black people have been oppressed, raped, killed and made to bleed for this 'white' beast, but yet he doesn't want us to be violent to protect ourselves against him. Brothers and sisters, listen to what we have to say. 'It is time for us to rise up and know the true meaning of nationalism. The people need land and freedom, not integration.

"TURN THE OTHER CHEEK?"

"W the black people will have to become revolutionist and revolt against this 'white' beast and revolutionize fast or it will be too late.

"Brothers, why should you join up and help this 'white beast' fight and napalm your black brothers in Viet Nam when your mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers are being killed daily in Los Angeles, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana -- right here at home???

'NOTHING HAS BEEN OR IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT.....

"We, 'The Black United Youths' will not be sold out and join this 'white beasts' army, who will turn you into Uncle Toms, that will by his control will kill and kill his black brothers here at home and abroad. If you must join an army, join your own black guerilla army to fight these 'white' war mongers and oppressors who rape, kill and plunder all black people all over the world.

"Wake up, this white beast is killing black people on a universal scale. Is this the works of a man or is it the works of a beast??"

"Surely this cannot be the works of a man for no man will dare do these things.....
If we shall spill blood, then let us do it killing this 'white beast.'

"The Black United Youths"

On August 31, 1965, Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland Police Department, stated that his agency had obtained a copy of the above leaflet on August 30, 1965, from the person of a Negro youth who was arrested on that date on a shoplifting charge. Sergeant UNGVARY interviewed the youth as to the origin of the leaflet and was told that it was passed out over the weekend of August 27-29, 1965 on Hough Avenue. He said he received his copy from a

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Negro male who came into Players Pool Hall on Hough Avenue on the above dates. He stated he did not know this person but was told by him that he could learn more about it by attending meetings at the JFK House on Wednesday evenings.

Sergeant UNGVARY stated that his files contained no information concerning a group known as "The Black United Youths."

Sergeant UNGVARY stated that a Negro rifle club was known to have met at the JFK House in the past but that available information indicates no meetings have been held of the rifle club in recent weeks.

On September 2, 1965, CV T-6 advised that he was at the JFK House on the evening of September 1, 1965 and that there was no meeting held that evening by anyone connected with the United Black Youth. Further that he had been unable to develop any information indicating that any such organization was active at the JFK House.

The source advised that since he lived in the neighborhood and frequently visited the JFK House, he would know if any such activity occurred and he would immediately make this information known.

On October 8, 1965, CV T-13 advised that on the evening of January 1, 1965, he picked up approximately 20 pieces of rifle brass under the windows of the apartment occupied by HARLELL JONES at 1556 Ansel Road. The source stated that tenants of this building said that JONES was firing a rifle out of one of the windows of his apartment on New Year's Eve.

II. MEMBERSHIP

On June 17, 1965, PERRY HARRIS was interviewed at the Cuyahoga County Jail and he stated that he believed the following individuals were affiliated with the rifle club. He based this opinion on the fact that he has seen these individuals going to the basement room of the JFK House to attend meetings which were announced as rifle club meetings. He also based this opinion on general conversation he has had with these individuals about rifles and also because most of these individuals owned rifles.

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PHILIP MORRIS

AL WARE

NORMAN MC JUNKINS

RICHARD SHANKLIN, also known as RECO

ROBERT FUNCHES, also known as SKEET

COLLINS THOMPSONS, also known as COVES

DAVE OWENS

HARLLEL JONES

HANIF WAHAB

MELVIN SHANKLIN

LEWIS ROBINSON

HATTIE BRENT

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HARRIS advised based on his observation, he would say that HARILEL JONES and ALBERT WARE were in charge of the rifle club. He stated that since he had never been to a rifle club meeting, he does not know what takes place. He stated that HARILEL JONES conducts physical exercises on most Sunday afternoons at the JFK House. He also stated that he has heard HARILEL JONES talked about hiring a professional judo expert to give classes at the JFK House, but to his knowledge this has never materialized. He also advised that insofar as he knows the rifle club members who have guns purchased them themselves and he never received any indication that the rifle club members were subsidized by any individual or group.

HARRIS advised that there is a warning bell system at the JFK House. He stated that when he was a supervisor at the JFK House, he was instructed by HARILEL JONES and ALBERT WARE to push the button on the main floor if the police or strangers came to the JFK House. He advised that this bell rang only in the basement room. He stated that the bell button was located on the rear wall of the main floor. He believed it was operated off dry cell batteries.

The following information was furnished by HARRIS either as a result of interrogation, showing of photos or information voluntarily furnished by HARRIS:

JESSIE (LNU) - he is an uncle of JACKIE and is believed to live with JACKIE and her mother on Superior Avenue.

SKEET - does not know true name. He refers to him as "the man with the camera". He attends Thomas Edison Trade School. He is 18 or 19 years old and he does not own a rifle. He is a rifle club member.

TYRONE FULLER - he is a supervisor at the JFK House. He is 18 years old and he is a rifle club member. He is presently in the county jail, having been arrested with HARRIS on a charge of receiving stolen property.

PHILIP MORRIS - he is a rifle club member. He is presently employed unloading trains somewhere on Woodland Avenue. He owns a carbine top loading weapon. He identified Cleveland Police Department photo #118624 as PHILIP MORRIS.

ALBERT WARE - a leader of the rifle club. He identified Cleveland Police Department Photo # 79287 and other photos of ALBERT WARE. WARE is presently attending a school on the East Side, but he does not know the location of the school or what WARE is studying. WARE owns an Enfield Rifle, a pistol and a bow and arrow. He is presently going with an 18 year old Negress, GLADYS (LNU), who has had a baby from a previous affair. He believes that WARE is capable of violence.

NORMAN MC JUNKINS - he is a rifle club member. He owns a rifle and a pistol. He identified Cleveland Police Department Photo #108102 as identical with MC JUNKINS. MC JUNKINS lives around East 125th Street and Arlington. He purchased a rifle from May's Department Store several months ago.

Unknown Negro female, a heavy set girl, about 18 or 19 years old. She lives on East 128th Street and is the girlfriend of NORMAN MC JUNKINS. He has seen her at the JFK House six or seven times.

RICHARD SHANKLIN - he identified Cleveland Police Department Photo #104553 as the person known to him as RECO. He is a rifle club member and owns a rifle.

COLLINS THOMPkins - he is a rifle club member. He knows him as COVES and believes he is a relative of RICHARD SHANKLIN. He is presently employed with PHIL MORRIS unloading trains. He hangs around the Pullman Bar, Euclid and East 84th Street. He does not own a gun. He believes COVES has lost interest in the rifle club after he started working about a couple of month ago.

DAVE OWENS - did not know him by name, but identified him from Cleveland Police Department Photo as a rifle club member. He does not believe that he owns a gun. He has seen him on several occasions at the JFK House conversing with ALBERT WARE and going to rifle club meetings at the JFK House basement.

~~HARLEL~~ JONES - he is a leader in the rifle club. He owns a .22 caliber pistol and a rifle. He identified Cleveland Police Department Photo #105677 as ~~HARLEL~~ JONES. He believes that JONES is capable of violence.

HENRY B. JONES - a brother of ~~HARLEL~~ JONES. He does not believe he is a rifle club member because he has seen him at the JFK House only two or three times. He drives an old yellow Lincoln. He always carries a knife.

HANIF WAHAB - he identified him from a photo, but does not know his name. He believes that WAHAB has some connection with the rifle club because he seems to have some authority in his dealings with JONES and WARE. He stated that on one occasion at the JFK House, WARE told him that he was not a true brother because he had processed hair.

MELVIN SHANKLIN - he identified Cleveland Police Department Photo #88614 as the individual known to him as RECO's brother. He is a rifle club member and he has seen him with a knife.

LEWIS ROBINSON - Organizer of the JFK House and the rifle club. He owns a rifle. He stated that ROBINSON was not popular with local people and in his opinion, he did not stand a chance of being elected to the Cleveland City Council.

JOSEPH THOMPCKINS, brother of COVES - He drives a 1959 Cadillac convertible, red with white top. He does not believe he is a rifle club member, but he has seen him several times at the JFK House.

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~~PAUL BROOKS~~ - did not know him by name, but identified him from the photograph as the man who was at the JFK House on the Sunday before Halloween, 1964. He put everybody out of the JFK House because a private meeting was to be held.

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~~JOHN CLIFFORD GRIFFIN~~ - identified Cleveland Police Department Photo #113923 as the individual known to him as "J.C." He is not a rifle club member. He came

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to the JFK House a few times. He is now in the Mansfield Reformatory as a State Parole Violator.

DALE HARRIS - he has seen him at the JFK House, does not believe he is a rifle club member although he did see him take a trip with the others to practice rifle shooting.

HATTIE BRENT - lives on East 86th Street, near Wade Park. She is the secretary of the rifle club and keeps the notes. She goes to East High School and is the girlfriend of HARLEL JONES.

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He advised that he did not know the following individuals:

DONALD FREEMAN

CATHERINE ~~ER~~ BROOKS

WILBERT ~~HA~~ ISLAH

JOSEPH KIDD

EDDIE ~~MC~~ GEE

Ohio { He advised that he did not know anything about Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

Concerning his disassociation with the JFK House, and the people connected with the House, HARRIS explained as follows:

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He refused to have his processed hair cut short and this caused LEWIS ROBINSON and the others to get angry with him. Sometime in March, 1965, he had an argument with LEWIS ROBINSON and he punched ROBINSON in the mouth. A few nights later, he was standing outside the Thunderbird Bar when he was invited by HARLEL JONES to come down the street to talk. He refused to leave the front of the bar and he was attacked there by HARLEL JONES, MELVIN SHANKLIN and NORMAN MC JUNKINS. There were others in the group, but these three were the main assailants.

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On June 25, 1965, CV T-4, who associated with members of the rifle club, made the following comments about the individuals listed hereafter:

PHILIP MORRIS - knows him as PHIL. He is a rifle club member and he has observed him take rifle practice at the above described farm.

HARLIEL JONES - he is a rifle club member. He has seen him take rifle practice at the farm.

COLLINS THOMPCKINS - he is a rifle club member. He has never seen him at the farm.

JOE (Last Name Unknown) - he is a relative of COLLINS THOMPCKINS. He has seen him at the rifle club meetings, but never at the farm.

RICHARD SHANKLIN - knows him as RECO. He is a rifle club member and he has seen him practice at the farm.

DAVE OWENS - he is the manager of the book store on Superior and 103rd Street, which sells black nationalist literature. He has seen him at rifle club meetings, but never at the farm. He does not know his exact affiliation with the rifle club.

HANIF WAHAB - he has seen him at the JFK House and at the James Shabazz Rally. He never saw him at rifle club meetings or at the farm.

ALBERT WARE - he is a rifle club member. He has seen him practice at the farm. He attends some sort of sewing school in downtown Cleveland and does not work.

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NORMAN MC JUNKINS - he identified him as a person he saw at the JFK House. He never saw him at rifle club meetings or at the farm.

MELVIN SHANKLIN - he knows him as a rifle club member and believed he has seen him at the farm, but is not positive.

PERRY HARRIS - he has seen him at the JFK House, but does not believe that he is a rifle club member. He stated that HARRIS is a troublemaker and indicated that HARRIS once tried to take money from him.

HATTIE BRENT - he stated that she is HARLLEL JONES' girl friend, and she has attended rifle club meetings.



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LEWIS ROBINSON - he knows him as the founder of the rifle club and a rifle club member. He has seen him practice at the farm and observed that he is a poor shot. He believes that ROBINSON is a publicity seeker and not devoted to the civil rights cause except to the extent that it can get him some publicity.

DON FREEMAN - he knows FREEMAN through attendance at various civil rights meetings and demonstrations. He has never seen him at a rifle club meeting.

Reverend JOSEPH KIDD - he has seen him at the JFK House, but never at rifle club meetings. He is an assistant minister of the church where the Shabazz Rally was supposed to be held but which was cancelled.

PAUL BROOKS - he has seen him at the JFK House but knows nothing else about him.

JAMES RUSSELL - he knows him as the president of the Freedom Fighters. He has never seen him at a rifle club meeting.

ANN (Last Name Unknown) - he has seen her at rifle club meetings. He described her as a Negro female, age 20, 5', 120 pounds, dark complexion, black long hair. She works for The May Company, downtown Cleveland, as a sales clerk.

SHIRLEY (Last Name Unknown) - he has seen her at rifle club meetings. Described her as Negro female, age 23, 5'2", 108 pounds, dark complexion, black long hair.

GLADYS (Last Name Unknown) - he has seen her at the JFK House but could furnish no physical description.

On September 3, 1965, GLADYS FOSTER, 1458 East 86th Street, Cleveland, who admitted attending three or four meetings of the rifle club, furnished the following information:

She advised that the rifle club membership was composed of both men and women. She stated that HARLLEL JONES was the leader of the rifle club and HATTIE BRENT was Secretary and leader of the women in the rifle club. She was shown photographs of various individuals and identified the following as rifle club members based on her observation of them at rifle club meetings attended in March or April, 1965:

HARLLEL JONES
ALBERT WARE
RICHARD SHANKLIN
MELVIN SHANKLIN
COLLINS THOMPkins, also known as COVES
JOSEPH THOMPkins
PHILIP MORRIS, also known as RECO
ROBERT FUNCHES, also known as SKEET
LEWIS ROBINSON
JAMES SANDERS, also known as STINKY GREEN
PERRY HARRIS, also known as PAREE
TYRONE FULLER

HATTIE BRENT
BOBBY MC JUNKINS
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She also identified the following individuals as having attended rifle club meetings, although she did not observe their photographs (no photographs of below available):

Ohio
WOODROW (Last Name Unknown), also known as RED
HENRY B. JONES (brother of HARLEL)
LARRY THOMPkins
(First Name Unknown) THOMPkins
SHIRLEY (Last Name Unknown)
MARY ANN (Last Name Unknown)

GLADYS FOSTER observed photographs of the following individuals and identified them as having been observed by her at large meetings held at the JFK House. These were not rifle club meetings but she did not know the nature or the significance of the meetings:

Ohio
JAMES RUSSELL
PAUL BROOKS
JESSIE FOSTER (her uncle)
DAVE OWENS (observed him at book store on Superior near 105th Street)
DON FREEMAN
(First Name Unknown) BELLOWS (girl friend of JACQUELINE SPAIN)
HANIF WAHAB

On September 13, 1965, PHILIP MORRIS, 7806 Redell Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who admitted that he was a member of the rifle club, was asked to identify other rifle members and he stated he did not know positively who belonged to the rifle club.

He was asked to view photographs and identify people in the photographs whom he saw at rifle club meetings. MORRIS identified the following individuals from photographs as persons whom he saw at rifle club meetings:

HATTIE BRENT
ROBERT FUNCHES, also known as SKEET

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HARLLEL JONES
NORMAN MC JUNKINS
MELVIN SHANKLIN
RICHARD SHANKLIN, also known as "RECO"
COLLINS THOMPCKINS, also known as "COVES"
JOSEPH THOMPCKINS
LEWIS ROBINSON
GLADYS FOSTER
ALBERT WARE

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FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

He identified the following individuals from photographs as people he had seen at meetings held at the JFK House. MORRIS stated he did not know the nature of these meetings:

DAVE OWENS
DON FREEMAN
JAMES SHABAZZ
JAMES RUSSELL
HANIF WAHAB
PAUL BROOKS

He identified the following individuals as people he had seen at the JFK House but who were not seen at rifle club meetings, and whom he did not believe were rifle club members:

TYRONE FULLER
JESSIE FOSTER
PERRY HARRIS, also known as "PAREE"

On September 10, 1965, SHIRLEY POWELL, Apartment 310, 2066 East 76th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who associated with members of the rifle club, was asked to review a group of photographs and to advise concerning the identities of the individuals in the photographs. She agreed to do this and stated that although she had no first hand knowledge as to who was actually a rifle club member, she identified the following as possibly belonging to the rifle club based on comments heard and observations made by her:

HARLLEL JONES
ALBERT WARE
RICHARD SHANKLIN, also known as RECO

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HATTIE BRENT
NORMAN MC JUNKINS, also known as TEDDY BEAR

FOIA(b) (6)
FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

LEWIS ROBINSON
PHILIP MORRIS
COLLINS THOMPCKINS, also known as COVES
ROBERT FUNCHES, also known as SKEET

She also identified the following photographs as people she had seen at the JFK House but who were not connected with the rifle club:

PERRY HARRIS, also known as PAREE
Reverend JOSEPH KIDD
JAMES RUSSELL
DON FREEMAN

On October 25, 1965, CV T-12, who associated with members of the rifle club, furnished the following information:

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The source stated that LEWIS ROBINSON was the President or the founder of the rifle club, but actually HARLLEL JONES and ALBERT WARE ran the club. Source informed that HATTIE BRENT was the female leader in the rifle club and that the only other female known to the source who belonged to the rifle club was BETTY JEAN SHANKLIN, wife of MELVIN SHANKLIN. Source stated that JONES is a very dangerous individual who is always armed and if he is about to be stopped by the police he will slip the gun to his girl friend, HATTIE BRENT.

On September 23, 1965, Mrs. BERTHA COY, 1442 East 86th Street, Cleveland, advised that eight years ago HATTIE BRENT was placed with her by the County Welfare Department. She stated that during June, 1965, HATTIE BRENT left home and is now living with her boy friend, HARLLEL JONES, on Ansel Road.

On October 8, 1965, CV T-13 advised that HARLLEL JONES resides at Apartment 26, 1556 Ansel Road, and that during June, 1965, an individual closely resembling a photograph of HATTIE BRENT moved into his apartment.

The source identified the following individuals from their photographs as coming to the apartment of HARLLEL JONES:

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ALBERT WARE
MELVIN SHANKLIN
COLLINS THOMPkins

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of Robert F. Williams, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the nonwhite races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding Williams, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, Williams fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana.

This source in September, 1964, advised RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely nonwhite in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the non-white races of the world rather than to any national entity, as such.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from an RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of Den Freeman, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin." Freeman served as RAM Chairman, with Maxwell Stanford, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman.

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This source stated in May, 1965, there has been no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM but that headquarters have been with Freeman since he has played such a dominant role in the leadership of and has directed the policies and activities of the organization.

Within recent months, according to the second source, dissension within RAM has become evident and some dissatisfaction with Freeman's leadership has arisen. So far as is known, however, he remains the titular leader of RAM.

To date, according to the second source in May, 1965, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River and the organization is currently active in attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
November 29, 1965

Title	MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Report of SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, Jr., dated and captioned as above, at Cleveland, Ohio

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CV T-1, CV T-4, CV T-12, and CV T-13, with whom sufficient contact has not been had to determine reliability.

CV T-3 who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (157-1624)

) DATE: 11-26-65

FROM: SAC, Cleveland (157-229)

SUBJECT: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO-CLEVELAND)SOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy
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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 11-26-65

Reason for the delinquency: Report returned to Steno Pool for
extensive corrections.Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau:
11-30-65AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☒ No administrative action necessary.1-Bureau
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SAC, Cleveland (157-229)

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Director, FBI (157-624)

1 - Mr. Bates

MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

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ReCVrep of SA Charles A. Harvey, 4/23/65; Cleveland airtel to Director, 8/4/65, and Cleveland letter to Bureau, 8/23/65, captioned FOIA(b)(7) - (D).

The Bureau is desirous of knowing whether captioned Club was disbanded or is still operating. In view of the loss of FOIA(b)(7) - (D) as a PSI, as set forth in referenced letter, it appears no reliable informant coverage is available to report on the activities of this Club.

You are instructed to conduct appropriate investigation to determine the exact status of this Club. In connection with this investigation, consideration is to be given to interviewing Lewis Robinson, purported founder of the Club, and all identified Club members.

In conducting the requested investigation, you should also be alert to develop any association of the Club or its members with the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM). An aggressive approach to this investigation may well result in the development of new informant coverage of the Club, if it still exists, or the development of informants having the potential of becoming associated with Cleveland RAM members.

The Bureau should be advised of your results or progress in this matter 30 days from the receipt of this letter.

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Letter to SAC, Cleveland
RE: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
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NOTE:

Captioned Club was reportedly formed to furnish protection to Negroes involved in civil rights demonstrations, if the local police failed to furnish such protection.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) who was furnishing information concerning this Club, has been discontinued as a PSI at his own request. Inasmuch as [] was the prime source of information concerning this Club, Cleveland is being instructed to conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether the Club is still operating.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 8/10/65

TO: SAC, Cleveland

Re: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1624)

FROM : *EEB* SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229) (P)

SUBJECT: *o* MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: CLEVELAND)

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DATE: 9/29/65

Re Cleveland airtel, 8/4/65.

Further investigation by the Cleveland Office has determined that for all intents and purposes, the captioned rifle club ceased to exist during June, 1965, and no target practice has been conducted since that time. Interviews are presently being conducted of all members, male and female, and it was learned that one of the main deterrents to the ambitions of this group and some of its members is the investigation being conducted by the Bureau, which they became aware of during June, 1965.

The "Plain Dealer", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, in the issue of September 29, 1965, reported that LEWIS ROBINSON, a candidate for City Council in the primary election held on September 28, 1965, was defeated by the incumbent. ROBINSON ran as an Independent with the backing of the local office of CORE and of "The Call-Post," a Negro newspaper published weekly at Cleveland, Ohio. He received approximately 33 per cent of the total vote.

01110 FOIA(b)(7) - (D), longer furnishes information concerning DONALD FREEMAN.

01110 MELVIN SHANKLIN, upon interview by Bureau Agents, was reticent and little could be learned about his relationship with FREEMAN, except that he admitted being acquainted with him.

Investigation is continuing.

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Date: 8/4/65

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1624)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229)
 RE: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
 RACIAL MATTERS
 (OO: CV)

Re CV letter to Bureau, 7/27/65.

On 8/4/65, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that BETH ROBINSON, wife of LEWIS ROBINSON told him on 8/3/65, that LEWIS ROBINSON was no longer shooting with the rifle club and that she made him give it up or else she was going to leave him. She told the informant that she was very happy that he had given up this type of activity because it had already cost him a good job.

Informant further advised that BILLIE REED, an associate of LEWIS ROBINSON, told him on 7/31/65, that LEWIS ROBINSON was no longer doing any rifle shooting and that "they" gave it up.

REED is also an associate of DONALD FREEMAN, previously identified in correspondence and reported submitted by the CV Office as the "father" of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

On 7/30/65, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that MELVIN SHANKLIN had been in contact with DONALD FREEMAN on that date and that FREEMAN was to attend a meeting to be held that night at the apartment of SHANKLIN.

Investigation by the CV Office has identified MELVIN SHANKLIN as a member of the rifle club.

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Special Agent in Charge

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It is not known what SHANKLIN's connection is with FREEMAN at this time, however, the source indicated that they were just casually acquainted.

On 8/4/65, [redacted] advised that [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [redacted] there has been no firing since 6/65.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [redacted] rmed that on Sunday, 8/1/65, he did observe two cars occupied by Negro males at the DOZIER farm and he believes these cars were there previously when shooting was going on. No shooting occurred on Sunday, 8/1/65.

On 8/4/65, Patrolman THOMAS MAHAN, Bureau of Special Investigations, CV PD, was apprised of the info re LEWIS ROBINSON in regard to his shooting activities.

It would appear that the discontinuance of shooting at the DOZIER farm might be attributed to the dropping out of ROBINSON rather than the fact th[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) red back at the DOZIER farm on the last Sunday that shooting occurred on the DOZIER farm.

The CV Office, through informant coverage, will continue to follow the activities of ROBINSON and members of the rifle club, and what connection is now developing between SHANKLIN and FREEMAN.

SAC, Cleveland (157-229)

8/2/65

Director, FBI (157-1624)

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MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. Bates

ReCVairtels to Bureau dated 7/2/65 and 7/9/65.

It is noted that the Ashtabula County, Ohio, Prosecutor and the Ashtabula County Sheriff have both advised that no laws of the State of Ohio or any township ordinance have been violated in the use of the Dozier farm for target practice purposes. It is also noted that the owner of the farm, Lawrence Dozier, is very zealous in preventing any trespassers on his property and is known to have prevented at gunpoint snow removal crews from turning their equipment around on his property.

Inasmuch as the site utilized by the Medgar Evers Rifle Club has been located, the Bureau does not desire that physical surveillances be conducted on Dozier's property for the purpose of observing this Club at target practice. There is no objection to maintaining a physical surveillance of the Dozier farm to determine the identity of persons visiting this farm; however, no such surveillance should be conducted on any property owned by Dozier.

The locating and photographing of the area used by this Club for target practice purposes is an excellent piece of work by the Agents of your office and attests to the fine attitude and initiative with which these Agents approached this investigation.

Your investigation of this Club and attempts to identify its members should continue in view of the alleged purpose of the Club, to afford protection to civil rights demonstrators when the local police fail to do so.

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Letter to SAC, Cleveland
Re: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
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NOTE:

The Cleveland Office has located, and by means of a Cleveland Army Air Division Command helicopter, photographed the site utilized by captioned Club for target practice. Pertinent information regarding the Club has been furnished to the military and Secret Service at Cleveland, to the Office of Naval Intelligence, Office of Special Investigations, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and Secret Service at the Seat of Government. Local police authorities at Cleveland and Ashtabula have also been furnished pertinent information regarding this Club. Investigation in this matter is continuing inasmuch as it is alleged this Club may be used to protect civil rights demonstrators if local police officers fail to do so.

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MEGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

Date Property Acquired 7/1/65	Source From Which Property Acquired Farm of LAWRENCE DOZIER, Noble Road, Hartsgrove, Ohio
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidence
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, JR.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Cleveland (157-229)**

Date: **August 10, 1965**

Re: **MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No. **157-1624 /**
Lab. No. **PC-87470 BX**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**

Reference: **Letter 7/27/65**

Examination requested: **Firearms**

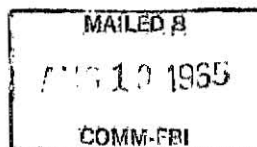
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Cleveland**

Re: **MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS**

Date: **August 10, 1965**
FBI File No. **157-1624-27**
Lab. No. **PC-87470 BX**

Specimens received **7/30/65**

Q1 - Q12 Twelve cartridge cases

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q6 are caliber .303 British cartridge cases which were manufactured in England. Specimens Q1, Q2, Q5 and Q6 were fired in the same weapon and specimens Q3 and Q4 were fired in another weapon. These cartridge cases could have been fired in any weapon chambered for the .303 British cartridge. Weapons in this category include British military rifles such as the various models of British Enfield rifles.

Specimens Q7 and Q8 are caliber 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge cases of Western manufacture which were fired in different rifles. These cartridge cases could have been fired in any of the Italian-made carbines and rifles chambered for the 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge such as the Model 91 and the Model 91/38.

Specimens Q9 through Q12 are caliber 7.65mm Mauser cartridge cases which were manufactured in Argentina. The Q10 through Q12 cartridge cases were fired in the same weapon. The Q9 cartridge case was fired in a different weapon. These cartridge cases could have been fired in numerous foreign-made rifles chambered for the 7.65mm Mauser cartridge plus the Remington Model 30 and Winchester Model 54 bolt action rifles.

There are sufficient individual microscopic marks present on specimens Q1 through Q12 for comparison purposes.

Specimens Q1 through Q12 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

File #
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157-1624-27
PC-87470 BX

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (157-229) (L 7/27)

Examination requested: Firearms (G & A)

Date received: 7/30/65 rm

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Frazier

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 - Q12 Twelve cartridge cases

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Q1-Q6

6 cartridge cases for .303 British cartridge. Mfg in England

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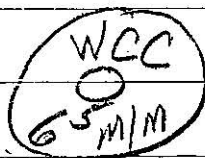
ON EACH CARTRIDGE CASE.

Q1, Q2, Q5 & Q6 fired in same gun per BF mks.
Q3 & Q4 " " " " " " "

Q7 & Q8

2 cartridge cases for 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano. Western mfg.

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ON BOTH CARTRIDGE CASES

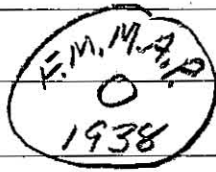
Q7 & Q8 fired in different weapons

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4 cartridge cases for 7.65 mm Wadsworth. All mfg in Argentina.

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ON Q9-Q11

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ON Q12

Q10-Q12 fired in same weapon per RF mks.
Q9 fired in another weapon " " "

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1624)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 7/27/65

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229)

SUBJECT: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: CLEVELAND

Re Cleveland airtels to Bureau, 7/2 and 9/65.

For the information of the Laboratory, investigation by the Cleveland Office has determined that the captioned organization has been conducting rifle practice for approximately one year on the farm of LAWRENCE DOZIER, Hartzgrove Township, RR 1, Orwell, Ohio.

Twelve pieces of expended rifle brass or cartridge were removed from the immediate vicinity of a rifle back-stop on the farm of DOZIER without his knowledge.

Twelve pieces of brass have been forwarded under separate cover for examination by the Laboratory to determine, if possible, the type of weapons that were used to fire them.

Investigation by the Cleveland Office has determined that the following rifles are believed to be in possession of alleged members of this rifle club.

- 2 M-91 Mauser Sporter Rifles
- 2 M-91 Mauser Rifles
- 1 MK.3 Enfield Rifle
- 2 .303 British Enfield Rifles

Two members made deposits on a M-1 Carbine and a 7.62 caliber Russian Jokara, which, to date, have not been picked up.

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The rifle range was last used Sunday, June 20, 1965.

In regard to referenced Cleveland airtel dated July 9, 1965 which forwarded photographs of the rifle range backstop to the Bureau, the attention of the Bureau is directed to the photograph showing the barricade on the front of which is visible two white placards or posters.

The poster on the right facing the picture states "Paleface BRIGGS speaks with a forked tongue."

The other poster, which was crumbled up, states, "DONALD FREEMAN was an alert teacher."

BRIGGS is identical to PAUL BRIGGS, Superintendent of the Cleveland Public School System. DONALD FREEMAN is a former teacher in the Cleveland School System who was dismissed, and is known as the "father" of the Revolutionary Action Movement..

Both of these placards or placards similar to them were observed by Bureau Agents being carried by student pickets allegedly from the junior high school where FREEMAN was a teacher, during a demonstration at the Cleveland Board of Education on March 16, 1965.

In regard to the rifle club not having practice since June 20, 1965, it is noted that when [redacted] *Infor-
- 11/20/65*
[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) was interviewed on July 2, 1965, he confidentially furnished the following information:

He stated that he became quit annoyed at seeing the bullet holes in the side of the barn located on the property of [redacted]

[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) and he got his rifle and fired a number of shots in the general vicinity of where the shooting was then being carried on at the DOZIER Farm, and the shooting at the DOZIER farm immediately ceased.

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Since Mr. DOZIER goes out of his way to maintain good relations with his immediate neighbors, it is possible that this actioFOIA(b)(7) - (D)t have temporarily cancelled . rifle practice at the DOZIER faFOIA(b)(7) - (D)ted that he and DOZIER have never discussed the rifle practice which has been going on for almost a year.